

Churchwarden's Report (Fabric, Goods and Ornaments)

2020

The recent pandemic has caused problems this year particularly with the enforced closure of the church building.

This has been the first full year of the appointment of Father Oliver and we would like to thank him for all his hard work since his appointment in July 2018.

Especially for the work he has undertaken to arrange for services to be streamed from the vicarage during the pandemic so maintaining the communal prayer life of the benefice in this difficult time.

Turning to FGO AC maintenance carried out the annual clearing of gutters and downpipe and the annual boiler service was undertaken and the heating system has worked well through the winter.

With regard to the chancel repairs we had reached the point where the work on the exterior of the building could be carried out but this has been delayed (like a lot of other things) due to covid-19. It will need to be completed before next winter and we will keep pursuing the matter.

Following the sudden death of the new bursar of Exeter College the work has been further delayed, we are in touch with the college buildings section and hope to get the repairs started as soon as possible, unfortunately this seems more difficult without a new bursar being appointed.

Following the estimates supplied by Abbey Roofing Contractors these were approved by the DAC and the temporary repair to the roof was completed in December and will be adequate for a year or so until we can raise the funds to pay for a complete replacement.

Fr. Oliver, using the key that had been kept in the safe, succeeded in opening the north door, the lock needs to be repaired or replaced and we will then be able to open the door from the inside, an offer to pay for the work has been made and we will hope to arrange this in the near future.

As discussed at a recent PCC meeting there is some concern regarding our continued use of the Parish Room facilities when the Manor is sold. I have written to the current owners regarding this matter and await their response.