

Fabric Management and oversight

In 2020, the PCC Fabric committee was made up of Derek Sheldon (Chair), Gareth Roberts-Davies (Facilities and Systems Manager) and Roy Carr. Derek stepped down from the committee at the end the year – with grateful thanks for his service over many years – and was replaced as Chair by Nick Brown. The Committee meets approximately every two months to review progress and plan future works subject to approval by PCC.

Following the new management structure introduced in March 2020, Gareth now reports to Helen Allen (Operations Manager), who also attends the committee when needed and receives all papers.

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions from March 2020 and the fact that church properties were generally in good order, work during the year was restricted to maintenance and small repairs or updates.

Status of works on KPC buildings

1. Church

- a) The Quinquennial Inspection Report from the Church Architect in 2020 identified a number of areas requiring urgent attention and some further matters to be considered. A contractor has been engaged to carry out the urgent work, scheduled for April 2021. PCC has authorised expenditure of £53k from the Property Repair Fund to cover work on both the urgent and other issues. Anticipated grants are expected to reduce the ultimate net cost to approximately £46k.
- b) A fast digital network link was installed, facilitating the streaming of services and interconnection of church buildings.
- c) New safety glass was installed in the entry doors to the church.
- d) Opening and use of the church from June 2020 was subject to appropriate Covid 19 protocols.

2. Churchyard & Grounds

General maintenance was carried out.

3. Guild House

An improved heating management system was installed.

4. St. John's Hall

The floor warping problem recurred in a less dramatic form than before despite actions which had been taken. The cause of this long-term problem was found – *a slight leak due to a screw in an underfloor pipe!* This was rectified.

5. St Anne's Cottage

- a) The role of the Cottage is to revert to residential. It will be occupied by our new Curate Emily Spencer from July 2021.
- b) Appropriate redecoration and refurbishment commenced in March 2021.

6. St Lawrence House (Parish Office)

The Wootton Room was re-purposed as an office for the Operations Manager.

7. Vicarage

Maintenance of the grounds was carried out.

8. Crabmill Close House

Some minor works are scheduled on this property.

Note re Newton Road House [owned and administered by Pickering Fields Trust.]

The Trustees have assessed the need for repairs and redecoration, which will proceed for completion before the arrival of the new Associate Vicar, when appointed.

Insurance review

Insurance on the church buildings has been renewed with Ecclesiastical Insurance effective from 25th March 2021 for 3 years at a cost approximately 5% lower than for the previous 3 years. A thorough market review was carried out, but no other insurer could offer full or adequate cover in relation to the risk of lead theft from the roof and its potential consequences.

The required notice having been given, a revised church electoral roll was compiled on 13th April 2021, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

Details of the new electoral roll have been available from 14th until 28th April 2021.

The number on the new roll (October 2020) is 532. This is 4 more than as at the time of the APCM in October 2020. During the intervening period of 6½ months, there have been 9 additions and 5 deletions – 2 due to death and 3 to people moving away.

312 people on the new electoral roll (58½ %) live in the parish and 220 people (41½%) live outside the parish – similar to 2020.

Roy Carr
KPC Electoral Roll Officer
April 2021

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As reported at the 2020 APCM, the new Yardley and Solihull Deanery was created at the end of 2019 and its first meeting was held on 5th March 2020.

Thereafter, due to Covid-19, no further meetings have taken place.

In January 2021, Revd Nick Parker was appointed as the full-time Area Dean of the Yardley and Solihull Deanery. A meeting is now scheduled for 19th May 2021.

Roy Carr
Deanery Synod Member
April 2021.