

St Peter's Tiverton

Fabric Report to PCC November 2020

The Tuesday working group has been gathering in church, safely, on a regular basis since the easing of the lockdown restriction but has not met as a formal committee since March. Fortunately no matters of a very serious nature have needed our attention and we've been able to keep on top of the small regular maintenance tasks.

Two significant items have been undertaken since the last Fabric report to the zoom PCC in August 2020

Security to Heating Chamber

The first is the completion of the security guarding and window grills to the heating chamber detailed in the last report. We trust this installation proves to be of sufficient deterrent to persuade the young people, who have been using our heating chamber as a dry refuge, to find an alternative meeting place.

Roof Level Masonry

We have also completed the outstanding masonry works at roof level, most significantly the repair of loose pinnacles. These works were required by our last Quinquennial Inspection in 2018 and were delayed from last year.

Other works.

Churchyard Trees

We are still trying to establish when we may be able to undertake the works to our churchyard trees but the contractor we have appointed, FourSeasons, is being a little difficult to tie down.

Additional Masonry Repairs

We have identified additional repointing works necessary to the east end of the south aisle for which a quotation is being sought from Western Steeplejacks. This quotation will also cover the replacement of the high level pointing in sand/cement around the chancel at high level, which we hope to complete before any internal redecoration might be undertaken.

The group is also working on extra areas of decoration for Christmas, including, with the help of John May, a nativity triptych, illuminations of the Greenway Chapel south windows and the internal floodlighting of the east window.

We have augmented the control of the floodlight on the roof with the addition of a solar sensor which switches the light on at dusk, with a timed switch off. This will also be able to control the other roof level floodlights we plan to install at the west end of the church.

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