

## St Peter's Tiverton

### Fabric Report to PCC January 2021

The work of the Fabric Committee and the Tuesday working group has been subject to significant disruption and reduced operations since our last PCC report in November 2020, due to the Government's various and ever changing levels of Covid regulations and restrictions.

Fortunately there have been no very urgent works or emergencies during this period so our limited input has sufficed.

The committee has not met formally since the last report and at this time our Tuesday working meetings are suspended. We are keeping an eye on the church, externally and internally, on a regular basis by inspection by one individual.

Most of our efforts have gone into the **Christmas decorations**.

At Robert's suggestion we have provided installations this year that are visible to members of the public passing by the closed church.

The **east window** is floodlit from inside, on a time switch and we have allowed this to carry on working during these dark evenings.

The **trptych** was designed to stand in the porch behind locked gates, again floodlit during the evenings. It is designed to be moved whenever the porch needs to be used. We particularly thank our "creative arts" team for their splendid efforts in difficult and time restricted circumstances – John and Julian May, Jenny Palmer and Rosie Longbourne.

We also thank, once again, **Exe Valley Christmas Trees** for our beautiful tree. It was a shame that it was not able to be appreciated by so many this year.

As suggested by Margaret Mallett, we've been having a go with biological washing powder on our **moss covered paths**. It does seem to kill the moss and make it just a bit easier to brush off. The bedding of the cobbles is quite fragile so anything to make the moss removal easier helps. The result is very clean cobbles.

This time of year we are usually visited by a number of **maintenance contractors** who check our various systems and bits of kit. This year has been difficult for them. Some have managed to get to us but we are still waiting for a number to contact us to catch up with their routine inspections.

The **clearing of the leaves** in the churchyard proved to be beyond us this year due to reduced manpower and time available. We contracted our grass cutters, Bob and Matt Ridd who performed the task with ease.