

Fabric Report APCM 2022

Due to Covid the church was closed for much of the first 5 months of 2021.

The most important work which took place during the year was that £20,275,00 was spent on overhauling the bells and refurbishing the fittings the cost of which has been covered by a very generous grant from Hertford Town Council and a tremendous fund raising effort by the bell ringers.

About £4300 is now available to improve the lighting in the bell tower.

A new water heater was installed in the vestry toilet.

The roof alarms were tested as per the maintenance contract.

There was a problem , yet again , with water leaking into the South aisle and the architect, together with Richard Toyn went up onto the roof but she was unable to say with any certainty where the leak was originating. It only seems to come when the wind blows from the southwest. She said that the lead on the roof was in better condition than she expected. A Quinquennial is due, and Janet is waiting to hear from the architect as to when it might take place. We may hear more about the condition of the roof once a full inspection has taken place.

We continue to be very grateful for all the work undertaken by the regular work parties, who save the Church a considerable amount of money which would otherwise need to be paid to contractors. They continue to undertake a great number of jobs in and around the church and St John's Hall, including clearing gutters of leaves and debris, including large amounts of bird remains due to the presence of the peregrine falcons in the bell tower.