

Fabric report to the APCM for the year 2025

Fire safety

- Fire extinguishers were serviced in June 2025
- Lightning Conductor annual test and inspection completed (passed) in July 2025

Church Insurance

- Policy moved to Ecclesiastical Insurance in August 2025
- Involved some assessment of existing risk management (electrical safety, biomass safety etc), this was a reassuring exercise with nothing major identified as lacking

Electrical safety / safe access

- Tower lighting: October 2025 installation of two replacement bulkhead lights (low energy) and associated wiring in the tower staircase, after List B permission was granted

Tower and bell chamber

- Bell tower was cleaned internally by the Tower Captain Mike Hodgson and helpers – this was a very unpleasant job, because of the presence of lots of flies. Thank you to the team for doing this
- List B permission was granted to instal a new bellringing simulator (installation was completed February 2026)
- Mike Hodgson went to a lot of effort with Harrisons to investigate options for servicing the flagpole and fixings, after the pole was damaged in a storm. In the end, work to replace the fixings, pole and flag (like for like, in accordance with List A conditions) was carried out in-house.

Biomass boiler and heating / hot water system

- Blockage (pellet feed) cleared Feb 2025
- annual service completed in accordance with manufacturer and insurance requirements, in April 2025; vacuum motor replaced
- replaced leaking joint on buffer tank; replaced circulation pump while failed on recommissioning (upstairs church centre) October 2025. This is one of two circulation pumps, the first was replaced the previous year

Gutters

- cleared Feb 2025
- systematic clearing and mapping of rainwater goods began as part of a project to create a detailed specification for regular clearing

Church cleaning

- spring/autumn cleans took place in April and October 2025, carried out by a working party of volunteers from the congregation

Internet capability

- our internet connection previously relied on the copper telephone line and was very unstable. We now have a 4G wireless router, to which all the internet-

enabled devices in church are now connected. The new 4G router is providing a stable and reliable internet connection. Many thanks to Simon Alban for taking the lead on making this change happen.

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