

2019 Fabric Report

During 2019 the Fabric and Finance Committee met on three occasions.

In addition to monitoring the parish's overall financial position and reporting to the PCC, the Committee and a small band of dedicated helpers undertook the following:-

- Continued care and maintenance of the churchyard and grounds. Many thanks to the grass cutting, strimming and gardens team;
- Maintained the gutters and downpipes and cleaned out all the drains for the church and hall;
- Prepared and planted new beds adjacent to the Garden of Remembrance;
- Replaced the lighting throughout the Leverton Hall, upgraded the wiring in the Hall following the 5 yearly electrical inspection, repaired and painted the toilet ceiling, removed the old dividing screens in the Hall and tidied up generally. We completed the refurbishment of the hall kitchen – special thanks to Hugh Woods for planning and overseeing the kitchen works.
- On the church building we have completed the high level roof repairs and replaced defective guttering as reported in the 2017 Quinquennial Inspection.
- Repairs to the chancel roof have eliminated the leak!
- We have improved control and security via the installation of key safes.

We had contractors in to clean the church floor bi-monthly following Messy Church and we are grateful to the other people who come in and clean and tidy from time to time.

Thanks to Christopher Ellis and Gerald Martin for undertaking the annual check of the Parish's inventory.

In 2020 we will be looking to complete the stone works highlighted in the last Quinquennial Inspection and will be exploring the options to improve access to the War Memorial.

We are looking to increase and improve storage in the Hall and undertake further redecoration.

There are plans to improve (if not already done) the lighting on the main steps leading up to the church and hall.

The damaged area of ceiling in the Chancel needs to be repainted and a repair is required to a window in the Vestry which is letting in a significant draught and possibly damp. These have been completed during 2020.

We have plans to do a thorough tidy up in the Vestry before considering how best to re-decorate it.

Ian Lapworth

Chair, Fabric and Finance Committee. October 2020.