

Lantern Church Wardens Report for 2017

During the previous 2 years the focus had been to get all the policies, procedures and processes in place to ensure we conform to Diocesan and legal requirements. In the last 12 months we have carried out the required activity such as risk assessments, fire evacuation drills, fire equipment review and PAT testing. The most significant works carried out has been the redecoration on the Pulse. The main hall and dining areas have had the carpet / flooring replaced and walls and ceiling painted. This has had a significant positive impact to the look and feel of the Pulse and provided a much better environment for Pre-school and youth activities. Minor repairs and maintenance have been made to the Lantern and Hub to ensure upkeep of the buildings. In 2018 we will be replacing the 2 Chichester Walk flat boiler and applying for grants to maintain the Pulse exterior.

Sincere thanks go to all those Church members who have been involved in the maintenance of our buildings and in particular Bill Jaggs, Pete Kirby, John Taylor and Mervyn Young who make up our Buildings and Maintenance team.

John Miller, Katherine Stickland.

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The Parish Church Wardens Report for 2017

There have been no changes to goods and ornaments at the Parish Church during 2017. Following our Easter 2017 Gift Day; sufficient funds were gifted for a roofing contractor to be appointed to commence repairs on the church north roof. A meeting was then arranged to facilitate the work taking place avoiding any disruption to the Serotine bat/s that had been identified as using the church for roosting. We are grateful to Dr Kate Pollard who has worked with us in identifying our bat/s as a Serotine and for advising the roofing contractors of the legal requirements to cater for it. Work began at the end of February 2018 and must be completed by the end of April – we are praying for good weather. It is planned that other repairs identified in the most recent Quinquennial inspection be addressed at the same time.

Following our excitement upon gaining planning permission for a greatly enhanced extension to the CMC, the significantly escalating building costs meant that by the end of the year it was decided to revise our plans.

Church grounds, including the old graveyard in the village, continue to be well maintained and monitored by our Buildings and Grounds Warden, a team of volunteers and our Church Groundsman - many thanks go to them all.

We wish to record our grateful thanks to all those who help to ensure that church premises are safe and well maintained. In particular, our thanks go to Chris Heppenstall, Graham White, Ken Wilding, Alastair Griffith, the Men's Breakfast Group, those who clean regularly and to all the congregation who are diligent in their care of our beautiful and functional buildings.

Jane Hazell and Sandra Webster

Parish Church Wardens

St Barnabas Church Wardens Report for 2017

There have been no changes to goods and ornaments at ST Barnabas Church during 2017. In 2017 the final phase of the building was completed. We had a landscape gardener fit a new paving area to the side of the church leading to gravel and grass towards the back. He also replaced the fence panels and fitted a new two way opening gate to allow easy access for an emergency exit.

This has improved the outside seating area greatly making room for outdoor BBQ's etc.

In March of 2017 we had a very successful visit from the Arch Deacon to all three of our churches. This resulted in a very good outcome for the Terrier report. Following a few minor papers needed we were given a full pass!

Following training given to all Sidesmen and group leaders on the use of fire extinguishers and what to do in an emergency; we carried out a successful fire drill towards the end of a normal Sunday service in the summer.

Our church premises continue to be regularly hired by Bournemouth and Poole Health Visitors providing a useful income that we will be putting towards the re-decoration of the interior of the building.

It is hard to believe that the extension is now 8 years old and so a program of re-decoration is being put into place.

As always we wish to thank all those within the church who help to maintain and look after both the premises and the outside grounds.

David Waterman and Bill Evans

St Barnabas Church Wardens