

Church Wardens' Fabric Report 2025

The main project over the past year has been the South Roof project, the faculty application for which is still with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, awaiting final approval. Clews Architects have put together a Schedule of Works and comprehensive drawings, which should allow the tendering process to begin, aiming for the work to commence in October 2025.

Faculty applications for a handrail on the stairs up to the priests' room and for the peregrine falcon nesting platform camera were approved and the work carried out. It looks like we have no peregrines this season, but the time gained will allow the Loughborough Peregrine Project team to consolidate the work done so far and make improvements to the camera system ready for next season.

A List B application was made to secure permission for a security camera in the south porch and this was granted. It has not been possible to implement this, however, as the conditions imposed as part of the approval included running the camera on its own dedicated circuit. This would require significant wiring work in the South door area, and would probably require an additional faculty to do the work. A battery powered camera is to be installed as a temporary measure until a decision can be made on the way forward.

John Dimmick has continued to run the annual maintenance programme and we continue to appreciate his organisation, his hard work and his general oversight of the building and surroundings. He reports that repairs were routine and as expected, apart from a replacement gearbox in the church clock. This was the original gearbox from 1966, which has now been replaced with a modern equivalent which will hopefully last as long. We had a break-in to the church boiler room which necessitated cellar door adjustments and replacement of three padlocks. John has also sought alternative suppliers for some services, which should result in cost savings. These include lightning conductor maintenance, drains and the roof alarm system.

Looking forward, we will need to seek permission via a Faculty application to hang the "Loughborough Saints" paintings properly. Now that we have the first two paintings (Martha and Augustine), we have a clearer idea of what is needed in terms of location, fixings etc. A detailed proposal can now be submitted to seek approval from the DAC.

Thanks go to Will Burns who has taken on the role of Fabric Officer during 2024 with great diligence and also to the wonderful cleaning team who meet each Friday morning and keep everything looking spick and span all year long. Their dedication is much appreciated.

Gwyn Bates and Nicky Morgan
Churchwardens

Annual maintenance programme for 2024

<i>Month</i>	<i>Service</i>
Feb	Tower clock
Apr/May	Roof Gullies, outlets cleaning
May	Roof Alarm T&M
June	Drains maintenance
June	Fire Extigushers T & M
Sept	Boilers T & M
July	Lightning conductor T & M
Aug	Emergency Lighting T&M
Nov	Roof Gullies, outlets cleaning
Nov	Trinty room Boiler T&M
	Organ tuning & maintenance