

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

THE STORY SO FAR



ROOF REPAIRS

Scaffold was erected to access the roof for initial roof repairs and then painting with two coats of special solar reflective paint. Other jobs completed on the upper and lower roofs include clearing gutters and down pipes of debris and securing electrical wiring.



DRAINAGE

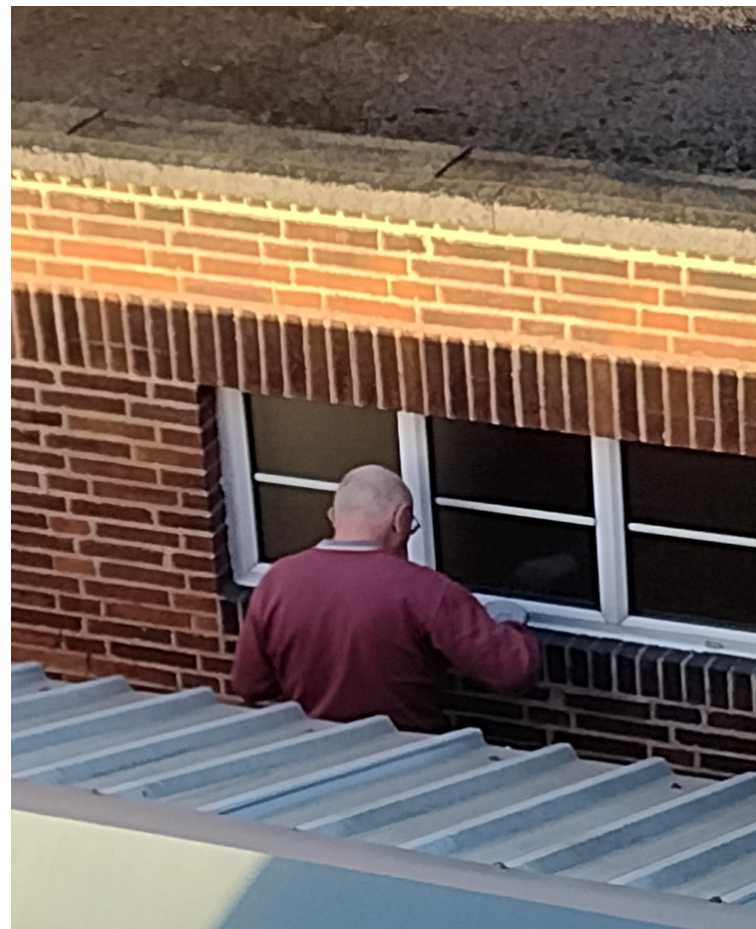
Drainage has been a concern around the outside of the church leading to rising damp inside the church and down the corridor. A new drainage system has now been installed which includes French/Aco drains and pea gravel.



OTHER MAINTENANCE

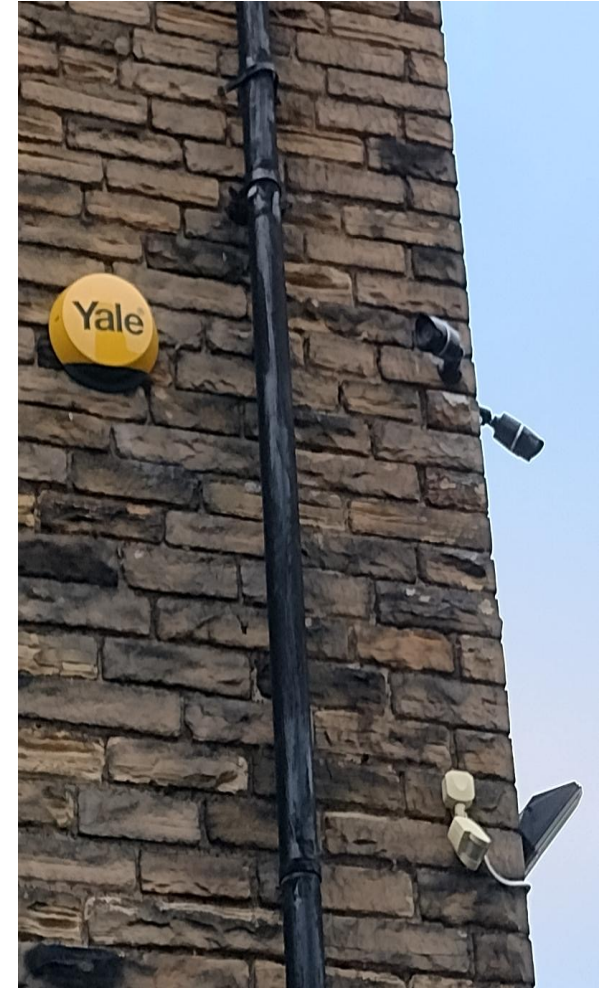
All the windows down the corridor from the church to the presbytery were letting water in due to the worn and weathered sealant. The old sealant has been removed and the new sealant applied to the outside.

Going forward we will apply new sealant to the inside of the windows and this is just one of the many other jobs that need completing from the insurance report.



SECURITY UPGRADES

Cameras, Alarm and Security Doorbell have been fitted to improve security around the Presbytery and the Church.



WHY ?

We have a lengthy list of approximately 60 jobs (and growing !) to do around the Church and Presbytery which has evolved from the **5 yearly Quinquennial Inspection Report.**

This list of jobs to do was split into the following groups based on 'Priority' to 'Requiring Attention within 5 years' I've also added the respective costings the report suggests to fix the problems.

A - Urgent requiring immediate attention - £12,500

B - Requires attention within 12 months - £8,500

C - Requires attention within 18 - 24 months - £26,000

D - Requires attention within 5 years - £15,000

E - A desirable improvement with no time period - £5,000

Total - £67,000

Although we have addressed some of the urgent and bigger items in which we needed experienced contractors to complete and which were the most costly, we have also completed some of the items in the other groups but there is still a long way to go before we are anywhere near completing all the jobs before the next Quinquennial Inspection.

WHAT NEEDS DOING AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

A few examples of the type of work still left to do are as follows

- Repairing windows, doors, handrails and other fixtures and fittings.
- Various painting jobs including gutters and downpipes, windows and doors etc.
- Replacing lighting and other electrical work.
- Repointing brickwork and repointing/setting steps in front of the Church.
- Mosaic repairs
- Clearing and treating vegetation
- Many other smaller jobs of various descriptions which take time and effort.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

If you have any of the skills required to carry out any of the above work or just have time available to help for a few hours cleaning etc. now and again then please contact the Church through the websites contact details or speak to **Malc Fleet, John McConnon or Father Michael after either of the weekend masses.**

DONATIONS

As on the previous slide the cost of this much needed work is approximately **£67,000**. This is money the Parish doesn't have so in order to raise some we will be running a number of fund raising events going forward throughout the coming year(s) and please donate whatever you are able through the usual methods such as collections, online and the tap to donate machine at the back church.