

BRIMPSFIELD WITH BIRDLIP PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
WEDNESDAY 30th MARCH 2022
ANNUAL FABRIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021

Our Architects are Toby Falconer Architects Ltd. trading as Falconer and Gilbert Scott Architects of Cheltenham.

In general terms the fabric of both Churches is in very good order, not least thanks to our legacy received through the generosity of our benefactor Lionel Gibbs. Much of the work indicated below has been achieved through generous voluntary help from Parishioners for which the PCC is very grateful.

BRIMPSFIELD CHURCH

This has been a troublesome year. Activities this year have included:

Boiler electrical faults have been investigated, firstly by our Contractors (which was unsatisfactory) and later by volunteers. The faults were caused by vermin residue, requiring extensive cleaning and disinfecting, repairs to electrics and vermin-proofing of the Boilerhouse.

Petty vandalism in the Porch required the screen doors to be padlocked for a time.

The path lights have caused concern. A tree took out one LED lamp which required replacing and the timer switches in the Porch had to be replaced later.

The small alms box had to be repaired after thief damage and a major burglary took place later in the year, involving the loss of the key safe, some collection moneys, and all the church keys. Many locks had to be replaced and the Coalbrookdale strongbox needed alterations by our local blacksmith.

High- and low-level professional cleaning was carried out.

A new double-skinned (bundled) oil tank and fittings, including a remote-level indicator, was procured and installed.

The fire-extinguishers were tested as were the portable appliances (PAT Testing).

The "private" water supply system to the w.c. was tested for quality by Cotswold District Council and passed 100%.

Work required within the next 12 months (ref 2018 QI *et al*) will include:

Felling of a diseased ash tree in the Churchyard

Annual water quality testing at w.c.

Inspection of lightning conductor system and amendments to ladders

Regular grass cutting of churchyard and yew arches and hedges

Replace gates at Church car park

Commission a detailed condition survey of churchyard monuments

Monitoring and/or replaciung the timeswitch/programmer for the oil-fired boiler

Repair the roof of the Chancel (within three years).

BIRDLIP CHURCH

Activities this year have included:

*Repairs to the two boundary wall
High- and low-level professional cleaning
Portable appliances were tested (PAT Testing).*

Work required within the next 12 months (ref 2018 QI *et al*) includes:

We plan to make major improvements to the gravel car park, hoping for a grant from the A417 "Missing Link" programme.

Martin Smith - Vice Chairman

4th March 2022