

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARGARET LOTHBURY†

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## FABRIC REPORT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018

The year has been almost all about the refurbishment of the tower.



I'm very pleased to report that these works are now almost at an end and that the scaffolding has started to be dismantled. I had reported this time last year that works would be completed in time for our very busy Christmas schedule. Unfortunately that was not to be and it will be early March before we have our church back looking its best.

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Delays were incurred due to the original scaffolding design having to be changed and then delayed further due to deflection in a main support beam and due to additional works being required.

The main areas of significant change relates to the timber repairs. Within this, there are three large items – replacement of the large timber roll around the top of the concave section (which was virtually falling off and in need of replacement or very heavy repair), replacement of the dormer structures (which proved to be very fragile and disintegrated on exposure) and the new louvres. In addition significant additional repairs were required to the clock and weather vane. As a result of the project overrun there will be additional scaffolding hire costs.

We have a project meeting with the main contractor on Monday and will be able to give further updates to the PCC at our meeting next Tuesday.

There have been some really interesting findings as part of this project and I attach a quite wonderful document showing some of the history that we have above our heads

Later this year we are due for our quinquennial inspection which I'm sure will provide us with another list of jobs to be done in order to keep the fabric of our building in necessary good shape.

Nick Hull

Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019