

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARGARET LOTHBURY†

Fabric report for the calendar year 2019

Our quinquennial inspection was completed in Q4 2019, the report is dated November 2019.

The report lists:

- four areas to be monitored;
- three areas of desirable works;
- nineteen works recommended to be carried out within the next five years;
- fifteen works recommended to be carried out within the next 12 months; and
- three works of the utmost urgency.

Due to the refurbishment of the tower and the sheer volume of work involved, twenty-six of those forty-four listed works were carried forward from the December 2014 quinquennial inspection report. Only eighteen new areas of work were identified this time. On the whole we are doing a good job of keeping the church building in necessary good shape and monitoring its stability.

Of the three works of the utmost urgency:

- the first *Periodic inspection of the electrical installation* has been carried out and signed off as compliant by the inspecting electrician. This most urgent of the works has been done;
- the second and third, *Clear outlets to main roof* and *Clearance of the westernmost of the two downpipes to the south aisle* will be professionally carried out once a year and maintained on a monthly basis.

Since the last fabric report, in addition to the completion of the tower refurbishment, these further works have been carried out:

- the builders have made good repairs and snagging internally to the tower and externally to the church building;
- the scaffolders have removed their scaffolding from the area of boiler room beneath the car park;
- a broken metal bracket has been removed from the exterior of the church building;
- pest control/maintenance continues with regular inspections and treatments;
- garden paving has been pressure cleaned and given an anti-slip coating;
- the kitchen Zip tap has been serviced; and
- the fire extinguishers have been serviced.

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Point 19.1 of the quinquennial inspection report states in relation to the WC large enough for wheelchair users, that *the reconfigured door makes access difficult for a wheelchair user*. This is not included in the list of works but will be addressed as a priority once the right configuration has been sourced.

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