

Church Wardens Report 2023/24

As we conclude the second term of office as Warden for Sara and fifth for Phil, we continue to work hard to support Dave and relieve him of as many administrative duties as possible to enable him to concentrate on the mission and ministry of Christchurch.

Among the various duties assigned to the Wardens, we continue to take care of all the property of the church building, including the grounds. Our focus has been on ensuring the church building is open and safe for public worship. We are also responsible for all the rooms in The Link which include all the rooms used by the PALS Preschool, the link area itself, the kitchen and offices in the link used by our administrator Catherine Ibrahim and the Charity The Spinnaker Trust who are renting office space in order to continue with their work.

The buildings have had their fire inspection and passed it. The alarm is now fully working. Our defibrillator in the link is now fully functioning and up to date. We continue to make energy savings where possible when older items come up for replacement or renewal, with one example that we are installing energy saving lights where and when needed. Repairs to the heating and boilers is now also successfully completed. Various maintenance jobs have been carried out by Tony who has helped Phil regularly giving advice and doing odd jobs— including putting extra shelves in the meeting room and helping Phil up ladders! The kitchen is still successfully used for all kinds of hospitality from the bring and share lunches, community lunch to regular coffee and tea after the services and at other clubs. We now have employed cleaners on a regular basis to keep the link area and toilets in good condition. We held our first Saturday work party day with church volunteers doing some of the extra tasks that need regularly doing to maintain the upkeep of the church. We will continue to have these days throughout the year.

Our grounds continue to be used by the public and we are grateful to those individuals who have helped to make it look so good. The bank adjacent to Porrhington Close continues to be maintained and the grass is regularly cut during the summer. Mary has continued to look after the flower beds at the entrance to the church and annually recreates the scene of the open tomb in the garden during Easter.

Looking forward to our next year we would very much like to get together a team of people to help us improve the garden. If you are interested, please let Phil or Sara know.

We successfully oversaw the complete refurbishment of the rental property in Invicta Close and is now successfully let out from January 2024.

We continue to Livestream the 0900 Communion Service and provide creative input into the 1045 Family Service. Our thanks go to the people who diligently provide this service.

It has been wonderful to see the church fully in action with our local community making use of the building once again with various activities continuing during the year.

We would like to thank Dave for his support, encouragement, and flexibility, encouraging us all to see God at work in the mundanities, complications, and blessings of this year.

We would like to thank the church congregation for their support, friendship and encouragement.

We present this report to the Annual Meeting.

Phillip Wearon Sara Cunningham

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