

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

INFORMATION FROM THE PCC CONCERNING THE PLANNING OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CHURCH

BULLETIN No. 2

We would like to give you a further update you as to where we are with the project to provide additional facilities for our church.

Since the last Bulletin, which was published in October there has been a great deal of effort by the PCC and particularly the Wardens, to instigate the work that was highlighted within the Quinquennial Report carried out last year.

All necessary items have now been completed, at a cost of around £7000:

- Repairs to the roof – work required to address the problem caused by insufficient lead dressing.
- Drainage and soak away. Repairs to the downpipe on the west end of the south porch, plus a new soak away, dug half way down the path.
- The trees on the north side of the church have been pruned back to improve visibility, access and air circulation around the church.
- Conservation masonry repair work to eroded stone dressings round windows and doors and repointing of water damaged stone buttresses.

With the completion of this work the Church is now in good order and the PCC are able to direct their attention to the provision of additional facilities.

Following a considerable period of consultation the architect has been asked to produce detailed plans to provide toilet facilities in a porch style extension through the west door. The DAC has been asked to visit the church to have an informal conversation to discuss the proposal. The formal application to the authorities will be submitted at the earliest opportunity but the granting of permission is likely to be a slow process.

In the meantime we have been finding different ways to use the interior of the church and learning how best it might be used in the future.

Do please get in touch if you would like to hear more about this project.

Revd. John Waller
Rector

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