

The Parish of St. Michael and All Angels' with St. Eadburgha's, Broadway
Annual Churchwardens Report for the year 2021

St. Michael's Church:

- The Church overall is in a good state of repair. The delayed Quinquennial Report has now been undertaken, and no major issues have been raised. There is a need to address a slight drop in the levels of the stone area outside the front entrance, and the wall between the church and the vicarage needs re-pointing. Quotations for both these items are being sought. The gutters/drainpipes required cleaning/clearing and the lightning conductor tests are due. Both these matters have been undertaken and the necessary issues raised from the lightning conductor tests have been addressed.
- The gutters/drainage cleaning/clearing is undertaken twice a year in spring and late autumn.
- Unfortunately, at the start of the year a section of plaster fell from the ceiling at the west end of the north aisle. An insurance claim was made, and the required repair work was undertaken.
- The building is fully insured by Ecclesiastical Insurance.
- Regular services, together with funeral and weddings, commenced again and attendance figures have increased slightly, not to the numbers pre-pandemic which is understandable, but we hope that this will steadily increase as people get more confident of coming back to Church.
- Due to the ongoing financial situation the PCC took the very difficult decision to make the organist, secretary, and church cleaner redundant.
- We would like to thank the monthly cleaning party who ensure that the Church is looking as clean and tidy as possible. We would also like to thank Mr. Simon Williamson for ensuring that the clock keeps good time.
- We continue to ensure that the organ, clock, and fire extinguishers are serviced each year.
- A group of people have put forward a proposal to erect a flagpole on the tower roof, and the PCC are working with this group and the church architect to hopefully move this project forward.

St. Eadburgha's Church:

The Church is maintained in a good state of repair. The Quinquennial Report was undertaken in 2021, and again no major issues were raised. Some work is required to remove moss from the chancel roof on the north side, and quotations are being obtained for this work. The gutters/drainpipes require clearing and the lightning conductor tests are due. Both these matters have been undertaken and the necessary issues raised from the lightning conductor tests have been addressed.

- The building is fully insured by Ecclesiastical Insurance.
- The gutters/drainage cleaning/clearing is undertaken twice a year in spring and late autumn.
- We continue to ensure that the fire extinguishers are serviced each year.
- We would like to thank the Friends of St. Eadburgha's for its support throughout the year, both financially and the Thursday cleaning party for keeping the church so clean and tidy inside and outside.
- Our thanks also go to Mr. John Taylor for keeping the churchyard so well maintained.
- The Tree Report has highlighted some matters which are in need of attention, and these will be addressed in the coming months.

Other Matters:

- The graveyard, along Snowhill Road, is well maintained, with thanks to Mr. John Taylor.
- The Tree Report highlighted the immediate need to fell three large ash trees in the graveyard which are dead. There was a need to cordon off the area while a faculty was obtained along with the co-operation of the owners of the neighbouring property. We are pleased to report that the trees have now been safely removed and no damage was caused to any stonework within the graveyard.

As Churchwardens we welcome any feedback or concerns from all who attend and visit both churches, both positive and negative. We will attempt to resolve all issues raised and will pass on praise where deserved but will also try to put right matters/issued as required.

We would especially like to thank both Revd Michelle Ward and Revd Jo Williamson for all their hard work and commitment during this difficult year. We were saddened to hear that Revd Jo Williamson has announced that she has decided to retire in July 2022, but we will continue to see her and wish her well.

We were all very shocked to hear of the sudden death of our former organist, Colin Harper, after a short illness, and all our condolences go to his wife and young family.

We also very much appreciate the support of fellow members of the PCC during the year and look forward to working with them to take the church forward in these most difficult times. We must ensure that we all encourage and welcome everyone, both new and old friends, to our two beautiful churches in Broadway.

Churchwardens:

Mr. Kevin Beasley

Mr. John Hayes