

REPORT UPON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF THE CHURCH OF
ST. EDMUND, KING & MARTYR, SOUTHWOLD

APRIL 2025

GOODS AND ORNAMENTS

These have been checked against inventories and found to be in good condition.

RODENT INSPECTION

There has been problems with rat damage. We have engaged First Class Environmental Services to solve the problem and continue to monitor any further occurrences.

ROOF

Apart from a leakage during a torrential storm in October, there have been no further problems. The gutters and downpipes were thoroughly cleaned out in November. I have undertaken a full roof inspection with the Contractor.

NOTICEBOARDS

The new noticeboard has been installed in the Churchyard. Renovated noticeboards have been affixed in the porch. Mr. Mike Carter kindly restored the porch light to perfection.

FONT COVER

Our request to the DC regarding the installation of a permanent font cover support was submitted for a faculty. The DAC requested that we provide written quotes for scaffolding, structural engineer reports and insurance requirements prior to the approval of the faculty.

LIMEWASH AND PLASTERWORK IN NAVE AND CHANCEL

The Nave and Chancel walls have been repainted following repairs to defective plasterwork. A new type of wall treatment has been used for the painting. Although very expensive, this coating should hopefully prove more durable than the traditional limewashes used in the past.

Unfortunately it was not possible to reach the clerestory window reveals and higher reaches with conventional tower scaffolding. We are currently exploring the possibility of using a new model of cherry picker boom to resolve this. Hopefully this will save us having the nave fully scaffolded, which would be both expensive and inconvenient.

FIRE AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

A fire inspection was satisfactorily carried out. An electrical PAT inspection has also been satisfactorily concluded.

FLOORBOARD REPLACEMENT

Following the collapse of a floorboard, on inspection it was found necessary to replace several of the floorboards in the Nave. Some areas had been affected by woodworm and excessive wear.

INTERNAL SOUTH DOOR

Further adjustments have been made to the internal glass doors by the installers. The closing spring mechanism is at its strongest setting possible.

MINOR ITEMS

Various minor items have been addressed during the year, including:-

- 1) Repair and adjustment of floodlights, together with switching mechanism.
- 2) Minor electrical defects, replacing defective plugs and lighting.
- 3) Repair of the linen chest.
- 4) Minor plumbing repairs.
- 5) Repairs to the Bell Chamber window screens.