

# COGGES PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## Churchwardens' Report 2017-18

### Report on the Fabric, Ornaments and Goods of St Mary's Church, Cogges

During the past year we have continued work arising from the 2016 Quinquennial Inspection of the fabric of the Church from architects Acanthus Clews. The roofs of the Church remains the principal concern - a significant roof project will be required within the year to repair failing lead roofing, and replace the stone-slate roof over the Chancel and North Chapel. This work will be eligible for financial support but will still require a significant capital investment from parish funds.

Other works will be required over the term of the QI, including works to the exterior (conservation of render, repointing) some specialist studies (stained glass) and an over-haul of rainwater drainage. There are also several smaller projects, some of which may be undertaken by working groups from the congregation.

Fortunately, the interior is largely in good order. We updated the AV system and re-tuned the organ in 2016-17 and only minor on-going works are envisaged.

Work on the 'digital fabric' has also continued with improvements to several policies and continuing improvements to office management and data storage. We are working with the staff team on the implementation of these policies and on the wider use of digital systems within the church. The people database moved from SheepCRM to ChurchSuite. The newer package offers a number of additional feature and mobile app. Preparation is underway for the new data protection legislation (GDPR) which comes into effect in May 2018.

We would like to thank the team of volunteers who during the year mowed the grass in the churchyard, pruned and weeded and kept it looking so good. We would also like to thank the team of volunteers that clean the church building, arrange the flowers and place the banners and altar cloths. Thank you to the Sidesmen (and ladies), Welcomers, the Coffee Teams, and many more.

The job of churchwarden would be absolutely impossible without the assistance of many other people within the Church Family – thank you to you all.

**Thank you** for all you are doing.

*James Webster and Gerry Wait*