

CHURCH ROOMS REPORT

Gradually the groups are returning to use the Church Rooms and we are having some new enquiries. There are also some one-off bookings. The Coffee shop, Craft and Chat group, Pilates, Church Choir and Sunday Club are among some of the groups that have meeting regularly again. We have had enquiries from new groups about booking the Church Rooms including a new dance school.

We are only just breaking even each month. We have started to advertise the hall for hire in the Parish magazine each month to hopefully generate some further income.

The Guildford Diocesan Safeguarding contacts are displayed on the noticeboards along with helplines. The fire safety checks have been completed. The fire extinguisher checks have been undertaken.

Remedial, and maintenance works which were delayed due to the pandemic have been undertaken during 2021 which include:

- There is now a child height sink in the Ladies toilets.
- The water heater in the kitchen has been removed as it was unsafe and a potential hazard. There is now a hot water feed to the kitchen sink, handwashing sink in the kitchen and through to the toilets.
- The lighting in the main hall and upstairs has been replaced with LED lights and is now in line with the latest safety regulations.
- New wall mounted electric heaters were fitted, and the old gas heaters (which were extremely noisy) were removed and the gas supply capped off. There have been some initial issues with the heat output and the heaters not working as effectively as expected. The Heating engineer is going to speak with the supplier about this to see how the problem can be rectified. The heater switch by the rear door was cracked and felt very hot to touch. This has been replaced.

Further work needs to be completed:

- The security lights bulbs need replacing and the PAT testing needs to be undertaken. We have been struggling to find an Electrician to complete these jobs - hopefully one has been found now that can undertake this work, and future jobs as they arise.
- The bolt on the back door was broken off. Now Spring is here with better weather the door will be rehung, so that it fits more securely in the frame negating the need for the bolt. The door will be repainted inside and out to make it more weatherproof.

Earlier in the year a power surge was caused by all the lights being turned on at the same time and a heater plugged in (brought in from home), this tripped the system, and melted the board. The work was completed promptly to ensure there was lighting and heating in the Church Rooms within a week of this occurring. This was another unexpected expense.

A generic risk assessment has been completed for the church rooms. Any actions arising from the RA will be completed by the committee members.

There is a Covid first aid box in the porch in case anyone is showing signs and symptoms of Covid whilst in the church rooms.

The Hire agreement was reviewed and updated over summer 2021.

The Hire charges have been increased to be more in line with other local halls.

Lynda Collins continues to clean the Church Rooms each week. The Gardeners attend every 8 weeks for two hours.

I would like to thank Sally Harrison for her incredible and on-going efforts as Bookings Officer. She has worked tirelessly to arrange for the improvements to be made to the hall and manage the bookings.

Victoria Sorwina, one of the PCC members has agreed to join the CR Committee – she has a background in architecture and will be a valuable asset to the team.

Thank you to the committee members Mary Campbell, Angela Grimshaw, Sally Harrison and Christine Lavender for their continued support and hard work.

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Church Warden with responsibility for the Church Rooms