

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WELTON

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT UNDER THE CARE OF CHURCHES AND ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION MEASURE 1991; FOR 2010.

FABRIC OF THE BUILDING

The July 2009 quinquennial inspection report was finally received on 12th June 2010. A faculty was obtained for the major priority repairs to the chancel arch and tower stonework, which were completed on 5th November at a cost of £14,309, funded by donations from the village supplemented by external grant aid of £8,250.

We record our appreciation to Peter Mossop for handling the faculty application.

The gutters and drains were checked clear of debris on completion of the above work.

There now remains a list of lower priority repairs identified in the quinquennial report, the majority of which are planned for 2011 at an estimated cost of circa £2,000 for which formal quotations are being obtained.

In summary the structure of St Martins is currently structurally sound and weather tight.

ALTAR

Harold Thompson has completed another full year as sacristan and has dutifully kept the altar dressed and supplied during 2010 for which we record our thanks.

ORGAN

The organ was last tuned in 2009 and is now due to be retuned once the cold weather ends.

Richard Ruffell continues to arrange for the tuning to be carried out for which we thank him.

Cliff Mortimore has once again provided sterling service as organist throughout the year.

BELLS & CLOCK

The bells were last inspected on 14th August and the clock was inspected OK on 3rd November 2010 by David Horder at its recommissioning after having its face repainted in conjunction with the repairs to the tower.

CHURCHYARD

The mowing team and others have continued to maintain the Churchyard to a respectable standard for which we record here our appreciation to Anthony Addams, John Millward, Pete O'Mahoney, Nick Isles, Keith Sargent and Keith Smith whose tractor mower has borne the brunt with Julian Thompson on strimmer.

Our thanks go to Inger and Richard Ruffell for putting the bins out each week

CHURCHYARD EXTENSION

We are again pleased to record our appreciation to those parishioners, particularly Paul Terry, David Goode and Reg Thornycroft who, along with Cliff Mortimore, have continued to maintain the Cemetery in such a well kept state.

PRESENTATION

Once again, the interior of St Martins was shown off to its best throughout the year and for this we record our gratitude to Sue Woodley and her team of Church cleaners.

Our thanks also go to Val Hamblin and others for keeping our Church so "bright and beautiful" as always with fresh flowers, on both regular and special occasions, especially Christmas and Easter.

HEALTH & SAFETY & SECURITY

There were no reported accidents or incidents in 2010.

The fire extinguishers were inspected and certificated as fully charged on 9th April 2010.

SMARTWATER warning notices have remained posted on the church doors throughout 2010.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We wish to record our grateful thanks to the many members of the Church, the PCC , Archdeacon Christine, Canon Michael and the Daventry Team Clergy for their support during 2010.

We also thank the community in general and all the other organisations in Welton, who have supported the work of our Church in 2010 with their generous gifts of time, effort and money.

We now look forward to maintaining and growing our Church Community under the leadership of our vicar, the Revd Chrys Tremththanmor.

May God continue to guide us in “**Promoting The Christian Way Of Life In Welton**”.

BOB SOMERVILLE & HELEN THOMPSON
Churchwardens February 2010.