CHURCH WARDENS’ REPORT 2019

The Annex

In January the building of the annex started. Good progress was made and by the beginning of June at the Droxford Country Fair it was officially opened. The facilities weren’t quite ready at this stage but later in the year all was complete and facilities were being used by the Church for coffee after services etc. For the Ride and Stride day we were able to serve church refreshments in the annex and offer loos, which were very welcome.

North Chapel

Various repairs have had to be carried out during the year to the North Chapel. This Included damp patches and a panel collapsing in the vestry area of the ceiling and the boarding up of a hole in the ceiling after a beam had to be tested for death watch beetle.

The walls were painted in readiness for the café to open.

The old sink and one of the safes were removed.

Bonnie and Mel undertook to get the North Chapel ready to become a café in November and December. The end result was a very pleasing colour scheme and with the furnishings, created a lovely warm atmosphere in readiness for the opening in January.

Pews

Three pews were removed at the back of the church to create more space and two of these were put in the North Chapel.

The pews in the North aisle were removed to enable our exhibition of Heritage Notice boards.

The North aisle was also painted.

Theft

Lead was stolen from the church roof over the Chancel. We were able to claim on the Church Insurance for this.

Quinquennial

Julian Livingstone our Church Architect carried out a Quinquennial Inspection on 22nd October.