

ST EDMUND'S

The quinquennial inspection gave no urgent repairs but a list of maintenance items.

The front door was renovated and looks splendid.*

Graveyard and hedge maintenance continued.*

A brick-lined grave was discovered during routine maintenance with a large hole opening up once ivy had been removed from an old tree stump. It was double depth so that one coffin could be put on top of another resting on wooden bearers. When the grave was first found there was very little in it, just a small amount of earth. The County Archivist and County Archaeologist were informed. On further inspection a small amount of skull was discovered in one corner. The grave belongs to James List who died in 1832?? We have gained permission from the Archdeacon and the County Archaeologist to make the site safe.*

The rosebed continues to look lovely thanks to Linda and Tony Redfern.

Tom King continues to do splendid work with the Garden of Remembrance and we are very grateful for his many years of work for the parish.

The cleaning team of Linda, Cecily and Angela have been wonderful dealing with a very difficult year.

We are very grateful to Helen Davison and those who help her keep St Edmund's open for private prayer. This is a task that has been made more difficult with covid cleaning regulations.

Mike Broadsmith does a wonderful job on looking after all the paperwork and regulations that goes with the graveyards.

Thanks go to all those involved with the Friends of St Edmund's and the St Edmund's Church Building Trust, especially Doreen.

ST MARK'S

Quinquennial inspection showed no urgent repairs but a list of routine maintenance items.

The Little Lions playground was extended with new fencing.*

Repairs to the car park were made in August.*

An upcycled altar rail from St Edmund's shed has been turned in to a wonderful bookcase for the coffee lounge.*

Bollards have been made to protect the cladding from cars accidentally rolling into the west wall of the skateboard school.*

Redecoration and repair of windows, door, eaves and fascia board on the north side has been done.*

The Vestry has been redecorated, insulated, shelving has been installed as well as a new door to loft.*

Electrical vestry has been painted and new shelves installed.*

The parquet floor in the church has been repaired and varnished where the font had stood.*

Notice board from the Rectory has been repaired and placed at the beginning of the drive.*

* The parish repair bill would be huge if it wasn't for Stephen Capps giving his time and talents to the churches. We are enormously grateful to and for him.