

## **CHURCH FABRIC REPORT**

It has been another busy year in the life of the parish and I am very grateful to Stephen Capps for his endless repairs and DIY projects including grass cutting, hedge cutting and drain clearance at both churches. Thanks also to Mike Broadsmith for staying on top of the official paperwork that goes with the maintenance of the parish.

### **St Edmund's**

The regular tasks of hedge cutting and drain clearance have continued with additional grass cutting where necessary. In addition, Stephen gets called out to adjust door locks and replace toilet seats on a regular basis!

Two Duke of Edinburgh students, John Chambers and his friend Joe, supervised by John's father, David, continued work to clear the copse of brambles and other debris and this has let a lot of light in and we wait to see what grows. John and Joe have now moved to the sixth form college and are no longer able to continue with this work.

Many people help keep our lovely but very old church going:

- The rose bed 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 continues with their essential work.
- We are very grateful to the team of people who unlock and lock St Edmund's on a daily basis, thus keeping it open for private prayer.
- 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**

The two Stephens (Capps and Beynon) made repairs to the car park. Stephen Capps has replaced the wooden access ramp to the toilet lobby with a concrete one. The ramp in church also needed repairs. The two Stephens also repaired toilet seats and doors on multiple occasions.

Stephen Capps has repaired the window in the loft, but the final coats of paint were thwarted by an influx of tiny flies!

The St Mark's sign on the grass bank at the front has been refurbished.

The flower boxes have been beautifully cared for by Tony and Linda Redfern, but they have decided that the time has come to stand aside from this task. We are very grateful to them for all they have done over so many years. First impressions matter, and our flower boxes have been very impressive.

Ann Capps (Churchwarden)