

**PARISH OF WHYKE, St GEORGE with RUMBOLDSWYKE, St MARY and PORTFIELD, ALL SAINTS**

**Churchwarden's Fabric and Furnishings Report  
Year Ending 31 December 2009**

**General**

The Fabric Group met six times during the year 2009.

The Quinquennial Report by the Church Architect was received and he confirms that, except for a problem with the roof to the North Aisle, the fabric and structure of the church are sound and that the furnishings and ornaments are in good condition

Unfortunately the severe winter conditions have accelerated the spalling of the tiles to the North Aisle roof and they will need to be changed this year.

This work will need to be carried out in conjunction with the alterations required to the lead valley gutter between the north aisle and the centre roof.

We have experienced flooding to the Centre twice during the year and Fr Stuart sent out a SOS in January for the snow to be cleared from the roof valley to prevent further flooding.

The vestry roof also leaks during heavy rainfall and has caused some damaged to the sheet music.

We are in the process of obtaining quotes for this work and it is estimated that the whole works to cost around twenty thousand pounds.

**Church Heating**

Although a service was carried out by Niche during the summer of 2009 we have had a few complaints of the heating cutting out but are confident that this problem is now resolved

**Church Centre**

Reports from the Parish Office suggest that the Centre is being well supported and that many groups have been signed up to use it.

**Cleaning**

The Church and Centre cleaning was a problem during 2009 but we are pleased to report that a Rota of Church Members has been set up to clean the Church and a part time cleaner engaged to clean the Centre.

**Sound System**

The new sound system is still being considered and final quotes are expected soon.

**Church Lighting**

Replacement of bulbs and renewal of old fittings is being assessed on a monthly basis and changed when required.

**Organ**

Proposals for a new organ to replace the existing instrument are still going ahead and suitable organ makers are being contacted for their proposals

**Churchyards**

With thanks to our secretary Ken we have not needed 'make hay' days during 2009 as Ken was able to negotiate with the Probation Service, Community Service Department who have been able to look after both St Mary's and Portfield All Saints churchyards. They have promised to do the same during 2010

**Leslie Shipp  
Churchwardens**

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