

## CATERHAM TEAM MINISTRY

# THE CHURCHES OF ST. PAUL & ST. AGATHA, WOLDINGHAM

## FABRIC & BUILDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016

The formal Committee did not meet during the year and has maintained ongoing consultation, both face to face and via email, between its members as to work needed and decisions to be made. A number of informal meetings were held 'on site' to review work or problems.

### Committee Members are:

Maureen Westmarland (Church Warden)

Christopher Roberts (*PCC Member for Base Station*)

Bill Haines

Roger Simpson (Architect to the PCC)

Peter Johnson

Ex Officio: Tim Salmon (Treasurer)

### Projects:

During the year no major projects have been carried out at St Agatha's or at St Paul's other than the refurbishment of the turning circle and associated flowerbed in the Croft Rd churchyard. Materials were taken, in part, from surpluses left over from the Village Memorial Project and funding included a generous donation specifically for this work.

This work was also to include the remaking of the main vehicle entrance from Croft Rd and adaptations to the former gated entrance. This work was not completed and remains to be undertaken.

### Sundry Works:

#### St Paul's:

The following sundry work has been completed:

- The main, roof mounted, fluorescent tubes were renewed together with starting capacitors.
- All other 'bulbs' were checked, and changed if needed, to comply with energy saving policy.
- New taps were fitted to the Church Room kitchen sink.
- A new microwave oven was donated to the kitchen to replace the existing.
- The main heating boilers underwent an extensive service before commissioning in October resulting in the renewal of a number of burner parts.

#### St Agatha's:

No major works have been carried out on St Agatha's church building during the year. (*See also Item 6 below*)

## Quinquennial Inspections

The appointed inspecting architect, Kelley Christ, undertook the required inspections of the two churches during the year. Due to a conflict of interest relating to the Base Station work, for which she was also instructed under the terms of the faculty for this project, she resigned her appointment as Inspecting Architect and Bob Wilson of Wilson Stephens Associates was appointed in her stead. However, Kelley Christ was to complete her reports on the inspections but these have been much delayed. At the year end that for St Agatha's has been agreed and accepted but that for St Paul's has yet to be completed. (*Post Y/E note: now received*)

Roger Simpson has prepared the schedule of minor works required for St Agatha's and will subsequently do so for St Paul's.

## Other Matters

- 1. Church Grounds:** Considerable efforts continue to be made to improve the condition of the St Paul's grounds with a number of working parties giving their time and energy to improving paths and grass edges in particular. The PCC is very grateful to Bill Haines for leading this initiative, to Tony Porter for regularly mowing the extensive grass area and to Alistair Pirie & Robin Tozer for work on hedges and boundaries.

The Croft Rd parking spaces, puddles + potholes remain a concern and were made worse by the contractors work when installing broadband cables in Croft Rd. Pressure was been put on BT to reinstate lost material but an unsatisfactory finish resulted. A detailed scheme is being prepared in conjunction with the WA (owners of the verges) and the Croft Rd Association to up-grade the parking verges. The PCC will need to contribute to this as frontagers.

At St Agatha's care of the churchyard and Parish burial ground is in the hands of Christopher Sykes, who we thank for taking on this duty. After selecting new contractors to look after the Churchyard a noticeable improvement is to be seen in the general appearance. Further work remains to be done on the Church Rd boundary hedge which now includes a special Viewpoint for passers-by.

The PCC are very grateful for the grant they receive from the Woldingham Parish Council towards the costs of the upkeep of the Burial Ground.

- 2. St Paul's Church Tower:** Reference has frequently been made to waterproofing works in the Tower in earlier reports. Ahead of the Quinquennial Inspection the Quinquennial Architect was asked to assist the Committee in seeking more permanent solutions to the long-standing damp problems. This task will now pass to Bob Wilson and will be looked at along with his work on the base station installation

