

- The lightening conductor was tested and a new earth rod fitted
- The main electrical inlet was overhauled and remounted in the boiler room by National Power Networks.
- Effecting repairs to the boiler's distribution manifold valves resolved the hot water problems and poor heating in the Church Room.
- Using scaffolding erected for the Base Station the stone lettering bands around the tower were cleaned.

The Old War Memorial:

During the year a faculty was obtained to re-site the Old Memorial back to its original home in St Agatha's Church. However, this was delayed by the Inspecting Surveyor banning any movement until the delaminated and worm damaged area of timber had been stabilised. This has now been done and removal is expected take place in March 2017.

St Agatha's:

During the year Roger Simpson's schedule of minor works required for St Agatha's and listed in the 2015 QI report has been carried out.

Recent QI inspections have noted the need for a new Electrical Certification for the limited electrical installation in the Church. Test revealed that the existing pyrotenax cable system did not meet current standards and it was decided to rewire the Church completely and to incorporate time switch controls for the overhead heaters as well as extra 13amp outlets and a smoke alarm. This work was completed in October, and a current certification issued.

Health & Safety: As the result of a 'trip and fall' incident in the lectern area, vision strips were added to the steps in this area and the lectern reduced slightly in height to more easily accommodate readers less than six feet in height!

St Agatha's Bell: As reported last year the bell and its mountings had been removed from the turret for safety reasons. Estimates of repair indicated that to rehang the bell a sum of approx. £5000 was needed and an Appeal was made to the Village to raise this sum. This was generously supported and a Faculty was applied for to enable the work to be carried out. The grant of this has been seriously delayed by problems with Diocesan administration but was finally granted in Feb 2017.

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 all those who work on this task, to Tony Porter for regularly mowing the extensive grass area and to Alistair Pirie & Robin Tozer for work on hedges and boundaries.

