

Fabric Report 2024- 2025 - Prepared by Neil Rowe & Chrystal Poon

2024 saw a major refurbishment of the west end of the church, and we are hugely grateful for all who prayed, donated and worked hard to achieve this. This has provided a larger catering-standard kitchen for events, improved toilet facilities and re-carpeting at the back of church. Our new servery has already been well used for both weekly refreshments after services and major church events. We are at the early stages of phase two of the building project, which involves re-ordering the east end to provide more space for congregational seating and more break-out space for smaller groups.

In addition, we continue to carry out routine maintenance work to ensure that both church buildings are in good condition. We are very grateful to Doug Simmons and James Crafer who undertake much of the day-to-day maintenance and upkeep, and to Pamela Carter Moore and Carolyn Whiting who oversee all that happens at St Luke's. An overview of other work on both church buildings is detailed below.

All Saints

- The parish council carry out routine maintenance to the churchyard, including grass-cutting and tree surgery. Some areas of grass are left to grow long to increase biodiversity in the area.
- Repairs were made to the roof above the porch.
- Repairs were made to our boiler.

Pending Jobs for 2025

- The porch, stairwell and office are due to be repainted.
- The carpet in the porch will soon be replaced.
- Repairs are due to be done on the roof above the chancel.
- We are hoping to replace the sign in the churchyard to provide more information on biodiversity.
- We are investigating a move to three-phase electricity to support phase two of the building project.
- We continue to work our way through the repairs identified in the 2024 Quinquennial for which we have four more years to complete.
- The Architect and Structural Engineer continue to work on a report making recommendations for repairs to the tower roof which will need attention sometime within the next 10 years
- Repairs to the SW corner castellations high stonework on the top of the wall
- Upgrades to A/V including new projector

St Luke's

- A tap has been installed to allow access to running water, for providing refreshments for services and other events.

- The church bell was serviced and re-hung

Pending Jobs for 2025

- We are hoping to purchase a new keyboard so that music for services will not rely on borrowing one.
- St Luke's awaiting quotation for metal window guards refurbishment