

ST PETER'S, BIRCH.

1979.

The Church Log Book

THE CHURCH LOG BOOK*

An up-to-date record of all alterations, additions, removals or repairs to the fabric, fixtures and fittings of the church and curtilage or churchyard

Church of ST. PETER, BIRCH

Diocese of CHESTER

Archdeaconry of COLCHESTER

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Quinquennial inspections of the church have been carried out as follows:

Name of Architect	Date of Inspection
<p><u>J. P. HINER.</u></p> <p><u>A.A.D.I.P.I. F.R.I.B.A.</u></p> <p>121 NEWLAND STREET</p> <p>WITHAM.</p>	<p>12th</p> <p>JANUARY</p> <p>1978.</p>

In the case of every parochial church and chapel, a record of all alterations, additions, removals or repairs duly executed shall be kept in a book to be provided for the purpose and the record shall indicate where specifications and plans may be inspected if not deposited with the book.

See Canon F13 (4)

* *A separate book should be kept for each parochial church and chapel.*

N.B. The Inspection of Churches Measure 1955 requires that each church shall be inspected by an architect at least once in every five years. Any architect appointed for this purpose must be approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. A copy of the architect's report must be kept by the Parochial Church Council and another copy must be sent to the Archdeacon. If any Parochial Church Council fails to have its church inspected at the due time, the Archdeacon may order the inspection to take place.

It is recommended that a copy of *How to Look After your Church* (published by CIO for the Council for Places of Worship) be studied.

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION 1978

Summary of Architect's Recommendations and Action taken

Specify date work completed, contractors employed and cost

1. MAIN WALLS, INCLUDING TOWER AND SPIRE

(a) Recommendations

REPAIR TO WEST WINDOW, LEADED LIGHTS.

(b) Action taken

CLEAN OUT ALL STAGING IN TOWER. TREAT TIMBER
REPAIRED AND
ALL STAGING AND TIMBERS THOROUGHLY CLEANED AND TREATED WITH
WOOD PRESERVATIVE (SUMMER 1979)

2. ROOF TIMBERS, INCLUDING EXTERNAL COVERING(S)

(a) Recommendations

ALL TIMBER FRAMING EXPOSED AND APPEAR
TO BE IN SOUND CONDITION

(b) Action taken

3. GUTTERS, DOWNPIPES, DRAINS AND WATER DISPOSAL

(a) Recommendations

ALL ROOFS COVERED WITH PLAIN TILES,
GENERALLY IN GOOD CONDITION. EXCEPT * NORTH SLOPE
OF NORTH AISLE TWO OR THREE DOZEN NEEDED

(b) Action taken

RE-FIXING *

GUTTERS re PAINTED. 1977.

* NORTH AISLE re-TILED 1981.

4. GLAZING AND VENTILATION

(a) Recommendations

REPAIRS TO WEST WINDOWS, RE-LEAD

(b) Action taken

5. EXTERNAL PAINTWORK

(a) Recommendations

IN GOOD CONDITION.

(b) Action taken

RE-PAINTED 1977.

6. BELLS, BELL-FRAME AND CLOCK

(a) Recommendations

THE BELL FRAME IS SOUND AND CLOCK IN GOOD
CONDITION.

(b) Action taken

7. INTERNAL WALLS, PANELLING AND PLASTERED CEILINGS

(a) Recommendations

WALL SURFACES ARE GENERALLY IN
GOOD CONDITION. SLIGHT EROSION OF THE APEX

(b) Action taken

8. FLOORS AND GALLERIES

(a) Recommendations

THE GENERAL CONDITION OF ALL THE FLOOR FINISHES
IS SOUND AND SATISFACTORY CONDITION.

(b) Action taken

9. FIXTURES AND FITTINGS, INCLUDING SEATING, MONUMENTS AND ORGAN

(a) Recommendations

ORGAN RECENTLY CLEANED AND TREATED TO
OBTAIN PLEASING AND LIGHT NATURAL FINISH.

(b) Action taken

PEST CONTROL TREATMENT FOR DAMAGE
THROUGH MICE DROPPINGS.

DEC. 1978.

MARCH 1979.

10. INSTALLATIONS

(1) Lighting

(a) Recommendations

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION IN 'PYRO'.
RE-WIRING CARRIED OUT 1961 AND IN GOOD CONDT.

(b) Action taken

(2) Heating

(a) Recommendations

OIL FIRED INSTALLATION SERVING RADIATORS
GOOD WORKING ORDER AND REGULARLY SERVI

(b) Action taken

TROUBLE TO INSTALLATION. JAN - MARCH 1979.
BOILER HOUSE CHIMNEY PLUS COWL REPLACED (SUMMER 1979)

(3) Lightning conductor

(a) Recommendations

EXISTING COPPER TAPE CONDUCTOR EFFECTIVELY SECURE
RECOMMEND TEST BY SPECIALIST.

(b) Action taken

11. CHURCHYARD OR CURTILAGE, INCLUDING WALLS, FENCES, PATHS AND GATES

(a) Recommendations

THE CHURCHYARD IS WELL KEPT BY THE P.C.C.

(b) Action taken

CONSECRATION OF NEW SECTION TO TAKE PLACE ON JULY 19th 1981.

Duly Consecrated ~~March 25~~ JULY 19th 1981. by the Bishop of Gloucester

12. HOW MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN SET ASIDE IN EACH YEAR FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF FABRIC REPAIR?

1977..	1978..	1979..	1979.80	1981..
£300	300	300	300	300

13. INSURANCE

(a) When was the church last visited by the insurance company's surveyor?

(b) Is the present cover fully in accordance with his recommendations at that time? *yes*

If not, record

(i) the sum for which the church building and its contents are currently insured against fire
£.....

(ii) the total figure recommended by the surveyor under (b) above £.....

(iii) important risks that are not insured (see booklet on church insurance *It won't happen to us* published in 1970 by the CIO for the Council for Places of Worship).

14. FIRE PROTECTION AND SECURITY

Record the measures taken following advice given by

(a) The architect

(b) The fire service

(c) The police

(d) The insurance company's surveyor

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION 19—83.

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(b) Action taken

~~North side Roof to be tiled 1984.~~
SEE QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION 1978 ITEM 3."B"

3. GUTTERS, DOWNPIPES, DRAINS AND WATER DISPOSAL

(a) Recommendations

The valley gutters should be cleared of the silt and the vegetation removed from the cistern heads.

(b) Action taken

This work was carried out by a local builder free of charge (as a donation towards Church expenses.) in the month of October 1984. Again in JAN 1986

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(a) Recommendations

(b) Action taken

5. EXTERNAL PAINTWORK

(a) Recommendations

(b) Action taken

6. BELLS, BELL-FRAME AND CLOCK

(a) Recommendations

BELL & BELL FRAME IN GOOD ORDER.
FLOORS NEED CLEANING AND REMOVAL OF BIRD DROPPINGS
AND ALL WOOD WORK TREATED WITH WOOD PRESERVATIVE.

(b) Action taken

THIS WORK WAS CARRIED OUT OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
1984 BY PEST DISTRIBUTION SERVICES LTD (WEST BERGHOLT,
VERY SATISFACTORILY -

ALSO TREATED BY SAME FIRM WITH WOOD
PRESERVATIVE (NOVEMBER 1984)
1) WEST DOOR. (2) SOUTH STORM DOOR AND SOUTH
PORCH TIMBERS. (3) BOILER HOUSE DOOR.

7. INTERNAL WALLS, PANELLING AND PLASTERED CEILINGS

(a) Recommendations

(b) Action taken

8. FLOORS AND GALLERIES

(a) Recommendations

(b) Action taken

9. FIXTURES AND FITTINGS, INCLUDING SEATING, MONUMENTS AND ORGAN

(a) Recommendations

GENERALLY NEEDS SERVICING AND TUNING.

(b) Action taken

WORK SATISFACTORILY CARRIED OUT BY
MANDERS LTD LONDON SEPT/OCT 1984
WOOD CASING OF ORGAN TREATED WITH
WOOD PRESERVATIVE OCT/NOV. 1984 BY
PEST DESTRUCTION SERVICES LTD (WEST BERGHOLT)

10. INSTALLATIONS

(1) Lighting

(a) Recommendations

RE LAMP WHERE NECESSARY.

(b) Action taken

18- 200 WATT LAMPS REPLACED
MARCH 1984.

(2) Heating

(a) Recommendations

ANNUAL SERVICE OF OIL FIRED BOILER & HEATING
SYSTEM.

(b) Action taken

WORK SATISFACTORILY CARRIED OUT BY
C LINDSEY & SONS LTD COLCHESTER
SEPTEMBER 1984. AND AGAIN OCTOBER 1985

(3) Lightning conductor

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