

St. Mark's Church Council report- AGM 2018

The church council met 11 times since the last AGM. This included 11 meetings of the 1905 association and 4 of the cultural association.

Being a time of interregnum, we have spent a significant time on preparing for a new chaplain as well as managing the church affairs and its building.

In September this year we took the decision to seek a full-time chaplain for the church.

Getting the heating working in time for winter was another challenge, and we are indebted to George Allan for warmer bodies these past few months. Other fabric issues dealt with included front door repair, selling of the car, house ceiling, house leaking pipes, wifi antenna for house, broken roof tiles, plumbing and moving the bollard at the church entrance.

The old website had become a difficult to maintain so we moved to a new platform (and new url) to make it easier to update.

Following an increase in the *taxe foncière* the council decided to contest this, which was successful, receiving a significant refund for overpayment for several years. However we have so far been less successful in blocking an expensive photocopier contract which was foisted on us.

On the church ministry, we were encouraged by our locums in various ways, notably by John Dinnen (with us twice) who encouraged us to increase our praying in various ways. Several events including the church weekend away for mid-April were also planned.

Many thanks to all on the council who contributed time and effort in all these activities, ably supported by Kevin, various locums and others for being on hand to help when needed.

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