



Fabric Report



Weeds growing in Leeds church tower

The quinquennial fabric report gave the repairs to the stonework of Leeds church tower a high priority, and English Heritage was sufficiently concerned about it to give the church an "at risk" status.

The PCC have worked this year with the Leeds Castle Foundation who had generously arranged for a specialist team to clear the weeds that were growing out of the Leeds tower stonework and causing serious damage. The weeds were cut down and the exposed roots treated with an adhesive weedkilling mixture prepared by the Leeds Castle head gardener.

In the future there will still be a need to make repairs to the aged and damaged masonry but we have gained some respite while the similar problems at Broomfield church are dealt with.

At Broomfield the 2014 quinquennial report said: Mortar joints in the general tower walling are decayed with the development of voids which threaten channelling water into the core. The splayed head stones to the plinth are similarly decayed. The moulded frames of the west window and the belfry openings are deeply decayed, the north belfry frame severely so.

The Friends have committed a sum of £15,000 towards the remedial work on Broomfield Tower which was due to start this Autumn but sadly the project has had to be delayed until Spring 2019 because there are 'bats in the belfry'! And the bat association have advised that this would be the only acceptable time to start the work. But at least this gives us more time to raise increased funding.

Work on putting a light on the path up to Broomfield church has also been started and the Friends have that project on the agenda for support in the coming months.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.30 PM ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, LEEDS AGENDA

1. To receive the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 5 October 2017. (Copies of these minutes will be available for inspection immediately prior to the meeting).
2. To deal with matters arising from those minutes.
3. To receive the Annual Report.
4. To approve the certified accounts and to receive the Treasurer's Report.
5. To elect new officers from those nominations received by the closing date.
The existing officers, Chairman Pauline Royer, Vice Chairman Christine Sharp, Secretary Judi Taylor, Treasurer Jan Enever, relinquish their office. Nominations for these posts are invited.
6. To elect committee members. The current members are: Jenny Hoy, Amanda Page, Martin Sharp, Michelle Webb, Pam Bower, Claire Fletcher, Sue Clifton. As the longest serving members since election Martin Sharp, Amanda Page and Michelle Webb retire from the committee and offer themselves for re-election.
7. To appoint the Auditor and determine his remuneration, if any.
8. To fix the annual membership subscription.
9. To consider any other business appropriate for an Annual General Meeting.
10. To confirm that the AGM in 2019 will be held in St Margaret's church, Broomfield.