

REPORT ON THE MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AT ST COLUMBA'S  
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1.	<p><b>New heating system in the hall</b></p> <p>This was installed before the last AGM but it has improved the heating of the hall to the extent that it continues to attract favourable comments from hall users and is also more economical to run.</p>
2.	<p><b>Leaks in church roof</b></p> <p>The leaks which were reported on at the last AGM have been repaired, so far, successfully, albeit expensively, as they necessitated the hire of a cherry picker @ £1,000 per day!</p>
3.	<p><b>Leaks in the hall roof</b></p> <p>In January this year, frozen pipes in the roof caused a minor leak through the hall ceiling which damaged ceiling tiles and the floor. Thank to the good services of the trades people with whom we usually work we were able to repair the damage at a cost very much lower than that quoted by the diocese.</p> <p>In the course of the repair, initial poor design was revealed by the positioning of the water tank in the roof above, rather than below, insulation. That tank was removed and replaced by a new one in the boiler room where space was available, thanks to the smaller gas boiler which was fitted a year ago.</p>
4	<p><b>Gas safety checks</b></p> <p>The annual service of the church and hall heating systems were carried out in December and gas safety certificates issued.</p>
5	<p><b>Gas heaters in church</b></p> <p>In spite of requests not to touch the heaters, parishioners still turn them off to suit their own convenience. This causes other heaters to work harder and longer and eventually causes the heaters to cut out. This then occasions a call out to the service engineer which we all have to pay for.</p>
6	<p><b>Painting the outside of the church</b></p> <p>This was completed last October and has enhanced the appearance of the church as well as being a necessary item of maintenance of its external fabric.</p>