Church Wardens’ Report for 2023 – 2024

**Peter and Claudia continue to maintain the church fabrics and support John with his work as our church vicar.**

1. The key event this year has been the completion of the Corse Church Bells Project. The bell hangers have been replaced and the system fully overhauled. It has been a very successful project; the bell ringing is far easier and longer peels can be carried out. The Ellacombe System work is expected to be completed soon after which church wardens will be able to ring a short peel before the start of morning service as has been done in the past.
   1. Our new neighbours raised concerns regarding the noise levels of the ringing bells which were disrupting the children sleeping times. Sound reducing boards were fitted to the 2 louvres facing the neighbours which seems to have resolved the problem.
   2. The light at the bell ringing floor has been replaced with an energy saving unit. A faculty has been registered to provide additional lighting in the bell tower and the tower stairs and to replace the light in the vestry.
2. Keeping the graveyard grass cut has been a developing issue. With decreasing church funds (grass cutting costs exceed £1200/annum) we have sought alternative solutions. We have support from locals Richard Spry and Mike Jones to remove grass cuttings and reduce the height of the 5 yew trees. However, we plan to revert back to using Peter Finch to regularly cut the grass (8 times a year) with some effort by a small team on one or two occasions.
3. The church front gate and support pillar were damaged but having failed to get anyone to take responsibility we had the necessary work carried out by Angus Cook.
4. The boiler developed a fault early in the year. We were able to arrange the fault to be cleared and a service carried out at the same time reducing the overall costs.
5. Work schedule for the summer include: Fix leaking gutter, fit side fascia to prevent bees access to church, and arrange for mortar repair to the outside east wall.

Peter Singh and Claudia Gough (Church wardens)