

ANNUAL BUILDINGS REPORT 2026

Holy Trinity Church, Seer Green & Jordans

The following is a summary of the works undertaken on the Church, Churchyard and Parish Church Hall between May 2025 and April 2026. Further details are available in PCC minutes and also in the 'Record of Works' log.

INSURANCE

In 2025 and 2026, the church and buildings were again insured by Ecclesiastical Insurance. No claims made

INSPECTIONS

No formal inspections of the Church took place in the year. However, as part of the refurbishment review, our architect drew up a series of options. A general discussion of the church interior and exterior indicated that change was possible and would be supported. The PCC will continue the discussions to select the appropriate option.

A full inspection of the electrical system revealed several issues and required the replacement of the mains consumer unit. This work has been completed, including new fused circuits for the café heaters and coffee machine.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance was undertaken as required.

REPAIRS

The Church roof will require further attention to repair dislodged slates. Further work will need to be undertaken to replace/repair other slates as the roof currently leaks in a few places.

It is likely that the flat roof over the Vestry will require inspection and repair.

CHURCHYARD

Some of the Churchyard trees have been tidied up and branches removed. A faculty (A) has been lodged for this work. The trees to the north side are unkept and it may become necessary to consider their removal, inspection and quotes have been received and may be actioned in 2026.

Gardeners have been secured to mow the grass as required. Ongoing costs may need to be considered.

BOILERS

One of the gas boilers has been repaired allowing the heating in the church to function, which continued to function through the winter.

The boiler is likely to only last a few years before it fails again and it is anyway insufficient to heat the church quickly and comfortably. Additional electric heating has been added in the café end which is helping to keep the church warm during the winter months.

REORDERING

Six pews have been removed from the church. Two remain to be disposed of.

CHURCH PARISH HALL

Extensive repairs to the hall have been necessary through the year. Primarily the roof and also damp walls. A full survey has been undertaken and identified some serious issues with the building. The remedial costs are likely to be extremely challenging and may be unaffordable, particularly as the church received an annual revenue far lower than the anticipated costs in 2025. Further discussions will take place and options considered by the PCC.

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April 2026