In May, we had our Quinquennial Inspection with our inspecting church architect, which covers all aspects of the building and churchyard. Our 5 yearly inspection of our electrical installation and the mobile equipment we use within the building has been repaired and checked. Our font cover is now due for inspection. So to, our Lightning conductor. Our fire extinguishers are up to date and our roof alarm is checked and serviced annually.

Our churchyard is regularly cut, and we are increasing our environmental awareness within this area. Hence the set-aside of a piece of unused land for the development of a wildflower meadow. We will soon be harrowing this area and planting wildflower seed. I am still awaiting the new grass cutting contract from the Parish Council for the coming year.

Projects for 2024 include a review of a replacement toilet facility. The initial viability study will commence in April and has been approved by the PCC. This will include the beginning of work to upgrade our church paths. A full faculty application will be required once the practical test is completed regarding the proposed implementation of a flush toilet.

In addition, we will need to respond to our Quinqennial report and to act, where required, on the various items of maintenance. Some of the drainage down pipes, for example, need replacement and I will obtain quotes for this work, in due course.

So much still to do to keep our building and the curtilage in good order and to attend to God's acre in an environmentally sustainable way.

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We will also need to review our energy footprint tool to see where we can reduce our energy footprint, in-line with the Church of England requirement to be carbon neutral by 2030.

I commend this report to the meeting.

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