

Churchwarden report for AGM 2026

The past year has seen steady growth in the congregation each Sunday. This has equated to more finance and therefore more funds available for projects. We now have to persuade people to become members of the church by adding themselves to the electoral roll.

Currently we are still exploring the possibility of installing a second toilet in the church grounds. One architect suggested that the current toilet site and the shed space be changed, but this plan has been on hold, as we have been waiting for this man to get back to us- how long is a piece of string. It seems we cannot even draw up plans without permission from the relevant department in the Cabildo!

Meanwhile, last year, the church was used for a film crew who took out most of the back of the church and polished the floor etc which actually looked really good.

In November the organ failed us and we had to get an engineer from Allen organs to fly out with a new sound board. He was the man who originally installed the organ 20+ years ago so he was glad to see it working again. This was paid for by funds from our UK account, which includes a legacy left to us by Rev Donald Turner who paid for the organ and installation years ago.

The area around the organ was treated for woodworm but now we have discovered the wooden roof in the tower has termites so we need to investigate further. There are places in the church which leak when it rains heavily – a series of buckets has been used in the past.

The wall around the garden has been painted and requests for a new notice board outside the church are in hand. Plans in the future are for an upgrade to the porch notice boards and general tidy up of the paths and entrance to the church.

The chaplaincy flat is good and during the year we have had to buy a new washing machine and oven.

In the cemetery, plans are ongoing for a handrail to the upper part and upkeep of the paths and graves is ongoing.

Thank you to all who have worked in the church, gardens and cemetery to keep things moving along.

Lots of ideas are coming in for improved lighting and sound, electronic boards, benches in the garden etc. If you have any bright ideas we would love to hear them- better still – join a working group and put them into action!

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