

## **Report from South with New Hinksey Parochial Church Council**

- ***Churchwarden***

Mrs Pearl Livett has not stood for re-election this year after serving as churchwarden for 17 years. We are very grateful to her for her dedication to the Parish and church of St Laurence. We have two churchwardens; Mrs Gill Hawkins who has served for a number of years and Dr Mark Philpott who has been elected for the first time. Whilst it was sad that no one who worships at St Laurence wished to stand, it is good to have two committed wardens. We are however in need of volunteers to set up church for the Sunday's Eucharist's and for other duties. Volunteers can contact myself or Fr Ben.

- ***Paths***

We heard on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 that the churchyard has finally been registered with the Land Registry, so we will be going ahead to apply for a Capital grant from the VoWHDC this round (*closing date 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018*). This means that if successful we hope the project will go ahead this year and so we will be asking the SHPC for their contribution to their own section of land, and a grant to the church area.

- ***Closed Churchyard Maintenance***

We very much hope that this has been resolved after many unfortunate sets of correspondence with the VoWHDC.

- ***Church building***

St Laurence is about to have some repointing of the stone work carried out as well as serious repairs to the porch due to water ingress and rotting. We are also installing an access ladder inside the tower to be able to inspect the tower roof. These works are costing £11.5K and we are grateful to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust for a grant of £3K towards this.

- ***St Laurence Day***

This year we are keeping our festival on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 11am. All are welcome to join us for this celebration of St Laurence and our church.

**Fr James Wilkinson**

Vicar

Parish of South with New Hinksey Oxford

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