

FABRIC REPORT FOR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH OLD SODBURY PREPARED FOR THE APCM MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 28TH APRIL 2026.

During 2025 a number of works were carried out by the PCC at St. John the Baptist Church Old Sodbury,

- January 25:- Major overhaul and servicing of the pipe organ carried out by David Wintle.
- January 25:- Clean out all gutters and downpipes including all gullies and drainage ditches around the church.
- A faculty was applied for repairs to the font in 2024 and the faculty was granted in January 2025. The repairs have not been carried out as the PCC were considering whether or not some reordering at the back of church which may require moving the font to a different location altogether. It has been decided that the reordering will not be undertaken at this time. It has been proposed that we should consider taking away the concrete plinth and lower the font so that it is not a safety hazard when baptisms are being carried out. As the original faculty has expired the PCC have applied for a new faculty to include removing the plinth.
- A faculty has been applied for the installation of a memorial bench on the West wall overlooking the valley. This was granted and the bench has been installed at no cost to the Church.
- August 2025:- Repairs were carried out to the plumbing pipework and mixer tap in the kitchen. The mixer tap was replaced and all the pipework under the sink unit replaced so that there was no longer any leaking of water.
- October 2025:- Installation of HIVE hub and thermostat to the heating system. The hub is connected to the Wi-Fi and thermostat and is connected to the HIVE App which means that the heating system can be remotely controlled. The App is currently installed on Richard Hore's phone and a decision will be taken by the incoming PCC as to who will be responsible for the operation of the App.
- October 2025:- Annual PAT testing of all appliances carried out by Paul Tily.
- October 2025:- Following the theft of tiles from the Lychgate roof a CCTV camera has been installed in the roof area of the Lychgate so that the area can be monitored. This installation was agreed by the Archdeacon, and permission was granted for the works to be carried out without faculty as prescribed by rule 3.5 of the Rules.

Richard J Purdom

Church Warden