

## **Property Matters**

Following on from the recent insert in the notices about 'Our Church Community', and my brief talk in last week's service, I'd like to give some insight into property, this building, its clients, and most important, how you can get involved.

First, our list of Property Stewards is pinned to the Office door and you are invited to approach any of them to find out more about how we go about things. From looking after the heating, electrics, painting and decorating, gardens, access to the building and cleaning, be assured we are open to any volunteers and are not a closed shop in any way.

In good old Methodist tradition, there are three areas that we could currently do with some help, and you are invited to consider:

- 1 If you are retired and local to Aylesbury we could do with some help as a Duty Manager. There are three of us on the rota at present and we could do with at least one more. The main thing you are asked to do is to open up and close the building when an occasional user uses it. One-off parties or trials to 'see if it works' are the main thing; ***regular users have their own access***. Typically, this can be once or twice a week at most on any rota week, so it is not onerous, but you do need to be around during the day and available.
- 2 Small 'DIY' jobs are often needed. Refixing a toilet seat, or screwing back a cupboard door that has come off its hinges are typical recent jobs. Also, first responder to

larger jobs, such as the leak we currently have outside the office, to discuss with others to determine the best way forward before we call in a professional at significant expense. You do not have to be retired for this, but it is helpful if you have an interest in DIY.

- 3 If you are 'time poor' and can not really commit, then perhaps you could consider helping with cleaning the Church itself. This is a couple of hours once a year and we are in need of two more people to fill the rota, so 'How about it?'

The building is used all week by a variety of clubs and societies, mainly in the spirit of 'community' and consequently does need to be kept in good condition.

As I have said over the years (but not too recently):

*If we all give a little, we all gain a lot*

If you think you can help out and would like to join our team, please let me know.

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