

Parish of Wimbledon

CLERGY HOUSING

Parish of Wimbledon presently has the following clergy, The Rector, the Vicars of St Mark's St Matthew's and St John's, the Assistant Priest at St Mary's and a Parish Curate.

They are housed as follows: -

The Rector at 14 Arthur Road (Owned and structurally maintained by the Diocese of Southwark)

Vicar of St Mark's Alwynne Road

St Matthew's 10 Coombe Gardens

St John's All Saints Rectory Grand Drive

St Mary's Assistant Priest 3 Arthur Road

Parish Curate Thornton Road

Alwynne Road, Coombe Gardens, 3 Arthur Road and Thornton Road are owned by the Parish of Wimbledon. All structural maintenance and repairs are paid for by the Parish and shared between the four churches.

Internal redecoration on all houses including the Rectory are the responsibility of the individual churches though Thornton Road is shared equally between the four churches.

The diocese advises that one room should be decorated each year but in practice the clergy find this too disruptive and therefore churches are advised that they should budget annually for redecoration at an interregnum.

The Grand Drive Property has been temporarily lent to the Parish for St John's by the Diocese, rent free. The structural maintenance will be the responsibility of the diocese though at the end of the rental period St John's may be responsible for redecoration. (what does the lease say)

Routine Maintenance.

The Parish Office organises the Annual Gas Inspections, which are at present dealt with by Tim Chubb.

Any problems are reported to the Parish Office and allocated as appropriate to Ken, Tim Chubb, or Able Electrics.

The houses had an annual inspection by the Parish Wardens though it has not taken place recently. Perhaps this should be revived.

With proposals for the development of the 3 Arthur Road Site to potentially provide 2 clergy status houses and the possibility of having up to 2 curates in their training years it is necessary to clearly state the financial responsibilities of the 4 churches.

All housing, with the exception of the Rectory will be owned by the Parish of Wimbledon and be the responsibility of the Parish. The costs of Maintenance and Repair will be met by the 4 churches equally. (25% each).

During interregnum, when the properties are vacant the rental obtained, if any, will be paid to the Parish. If a property needs to be rented to house a member of the clergy then this will be paid for by the Parish. (25% per church).

Internal redecoration will be, as before, the responsibility of the individual churches.

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