

Report to the Charity Commission 2023-2024

All Saints' Chapel, Wardour, Tisbury

Regular Masses throughout the year have been maintained. These are mainly the Sunday Mass and the Tuesday weekday Mass which the Wardour Catholic Primary School attend. The Chapel is also used for other occasional Masses celebrated by visiting priests.

Following the retirement of Fr. Robert Miller, we were fortunate enough to secure the appointment of a new parish priest by the Clifton Diocese; this is Fr. Anthony Paris. However, the resident priest at Tisbury is now Fr. Jonathan Creer who is the main celebrant at Masses and deals with most of the pastoral work as well.

Other uses of the Chapel include weddings, funerals and baptisms and days of recollection. The Cherubim Trust, which is a charitable trust to benefit new musicians, held a Handel weekend in October which was well attended. The Chapel loaned one of their vestments, the Westminster Chasuble, to the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers for their exhibition at the Guildhall in London. The Chapel also participated in the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride Event.

Repairs. Apart from ongoing general maintenance including repair and renovation to the vestibule ceiling, the main emphasis has been on the investigative work surrounding the cause of the cracking of plasterwork in the John Soane Dome above the altar. This included the appointment of a Project Manager who advised us on the appointment of experts ranging from structural engineers through to conservation architects. We also embarked upon the initial stages of ecology reports and Listed Building Consents. In addition to that, we have appointed Patrons to head our Dome Repair initiative, as well as giving consideration to fundraising for this project.

Fundraising. Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust have committed £26,000 to our Dome Project to be spent when we embark on the substantive works. A Garden Open Day raised almost £1,000 and we have had various generous donations from private individuals.

Lord Talbot of Malahide
Chairman, Wardour Chapel Trust