**OLD KEA APCM REPORT 2019**

**What’s the plan?**

* Continue using this special place for regular services and further develop it as a place for prayer, retreat and reflection as well as for special occasions. Open and accessible to all who want to come.
* Construct a new approach and gateway with parking and access for the disabled.
* Install a toilet and adjacent kitchen unit.
* Prepare for stonework on the pillars inside the church.
* Replace the rusting heaters installed in 1968.
* Develop the cleared woodland for planting new replacement trees, create outdoor quiet spaces, explore its possible place in the Quiet Garden Movement.
* Continue to manage the area around the tower with ongoing control and destruction of ivy.

**What’s been done?**

* Continued 2 x monthly services and special services as well as regularly using the prayer space.
* All necessary preparation for the next stages of the planned new access, parking, toilet and kitchen facility.
* Held three fundraising events, raising over £5,600. A fourth event is planned for the end of March.
* Prepared a funding plan for the project based on estimates for the work and all fees required.
* Prepared applications for submission to 3 grant giving organisations.
* The completion of stone mason’s exploratory work on the internal pillars.
* Liaised concerning the faculty applications for the pillars, heaters and woodland development.
* Obtained electrician’s quotes for the replacement heaters.
* Installed a footfall counter to record visitor numbers .

**What have we got?**

* Conditional planning consent.
* The ongoing support and backing of the Old Kea congregation and the PCC
* Banked funds of over £20,000, having received many donations and financial input from the church budget.
* The visitor numbers counted – 2,500 in 6 months!
* People in place to commence the work.

**What’s needed?**

* The Lord’s ongoing help and provision.
* The awarding of grants for matched funding
* The work to commence as soon as is possible.

**What’s planned?**

* A big celebration when the work is complete........................

Maureen McNally, on behalf of the Old Kea Leadership Team. 28.02.2019.