

UPDATE OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2010

Warriner Youth Worker: Sue Newby, Jon Cardy's line manager, outlined the work Jon is doing at the Warriner School where he is having good results working on a one to one basis with children who are experiencing problems. One day a week he is involved with the partnership primary schools to aid the transition to secondary school. On a Thursday evening he helps run a Christian youth club based at the Bloxham Baptist Church, which is open to everyone and the last 15 minutes is devoted to bible study and prayer. Jon is also involved in a non Christian youth club on a Tuesday evening, based at the Ex Servicemen's Hall in Bloxham. Sue said she has received 100% positive feedback about Jon from the teachers she had spoken to and thanked the Church for the funding they have provided.

Church organ - future costs: There is a long list of problems with the organ. It was agreed to explore funding options to repair the organ so that it lasts another 50 years, at a cost of £16,500, rather than a replacement cost of £80,000-£100,000.

Chalice Administrators: Approval was given for the list of administrators for both churches. Sacristan: Jenny Ward - The Sacristan, Server and Chalice Administrator. Server: Hilary Gray - Server and Chalice Administrator. Chalice Administrators: Bernard Barton, Angela Sones, Leah Calcutt and Les Chappell. Chalice Assistants: Christine Gillespie, Jean Welford, Sir Andrew Green, Barbara Upton, Kristin Thompson and Judy Ward. Standing down as Sacristan, Server and Chalice Administrators: Fiona Gillespie and Annette Murphy and we gave thanks for all their loyal service over the years.

Treasurer's report: It was universally agreed to give the collection from the Remembrance Service to The Royal British Legion. Of the responses received concerning increasing the level of giving an extra £6,000 has been committed for next year. A 'donate now' button has been incorporated on the website. Boys Brigade has asked for an increase in the Church's annual donation due to the extra costs of hiring the Windmill Centre. The Boys Brigade has given the Church their takings from their book stall, at the Farmers' Market, for the last 3 months.

Vicar's annual leave allocation: It was noted that The Vicar typically has a meeting every other Monday, on his day off and that when he visited Sweden for a retreat pilgrimage and a conference relating to the Oxford-Vaxjo Diocesan link last year, he deducted the time from his holiday entitlement. It was agreed that at least 2 times a year The Vicar attend a retreat/conference, not as holiday, but in accordance with the requirements of his role.

Living Room re-arrangements: It was noted that for the internet cafe and carers' drop in more seating space is required. Sarah Green is also sorting out a homework club. It was proposed and agreed that 4-6 comfortable chairs could be purchased from a charity, such as CVS.

Sunday afternoon teas - collecting for charity: there was agreement that the Sunday social group which meets in the Church had done a great job of raising funds in the past and it was noted the group want to continue fundraising. It was unanimously agreed that this group could continue to fundraise, but approval should be sought from The Vicar for each charity in advance.

Grand Piano: Janet Lince has responded to some of the concerns previously raised by the congregation about her potential gift of a grand piano. A motion was passed to apply for a Faculty, which would be required before the gift could be accepted.

Verger: It was agreed to request volunteers who could work for 2 hours at a time.

Memorial bench in church yard: Walter Meagher's family wish to donate a bench in memory of him. It was unanimously agreed on a one off basis because Walter had mapped the ecology of the churchyard and he had identified rare lichens there. It was agreed to investigate whether a Faculty would be required.

Pews: It was agreed that the pews which contained woodworm could be dismantled and the wood used for church purposes.

First Sunday: It was felt it might be better to hold this service on the second Sunday of the month due to the likelihood of families being away on a number of first Sundays through the year.