

UPDATE FROM THE PCC - 20TH JULY 2010

Prayers: The Vicar's prayers included a request for the Holy Spirit to be present during our discussions and for us to put aside the cares of the day in order to be able to concentrate fully on the matters to be discussed at the meeting.

Stewardship Development Campaign: It was agreed that this item would be discussed fully during the August PCC meeting.

Chapel for private prayer: John Osborough asked for a prayer station to be set up in the Living Room, as prayers can be disturbed by the visitors to the Church in the Summer in particular. In the Winter months it was felt that the Living Room doors should generally be kept open to allow air to circulate.

Youth Worker update: The Vicar confirmed that Sarah Turner had been appointed to the role on a full time basis, which would start on 1st October, after her marriage to the Lower Heyford Vicar. Glynne Bianchi would be her line manager. On the subject of welcoming Sarah, we were advised that she would be informally welcomed during her visit to the Sunday morning service in Deddington on 1st August and that she would be more formally welcomed at a service in October, as she would not be at Church on 3rd October.

Screens update: The congregation vote was 25 for the beige colour and 50 for the blue colour. It was unanimously agreed to have a wool background (which lasts longer than nyloop) and to purchase three five-panel screens from certain designated funds.

Signatories for bank accounts: Iain Gillespie advised that he needed to replace Jen Childs as a signatory on the current and deposit accounts. It was proposed that Judy Ward should also be a signatory on the current account (as well as her current role on the deposit account) and Pat Brittain should also be a signatory on the deposit account (as well as her current role on the current account).

Treasurer's report: Iain Gillespie gave us a copy of the accounts and confirmed that most of the money in the current account is spoken for. The costs of the Youth Worker were discussed and it was confirmed that there was not enough money to pay her beyond the year we have contracted to employ her for. It was confirmed that Sarah Turner knows it is for financial reasons that she has been given a one year contract.

Report from Deanery Synod: Viviane reported on General Synod's debate on legislation to move forward the appointment of women bishops. Discussion took place about the resolution which had been passed regarding provision for parishes which could not accept episcopal oversight from a woman.

Church representative for Deddington Charity Estates: The Vicar advised us that he is an *ex officio* member of the committee and that the DCE is responsible for the Town Hall and Almshouses. He said that the committee might want a church representative who would be keen to get involved. The decision was made to take no action at this stage until we hear from the committee.

Tsogo support: The Vicar advised us that Bloxham School had made a large donation for the Centre and play area. The Centre would like a minibus to transport the children, instead of using an external supplier. He asked what further involvement we would like with the Centre. It was clarified that Deddington School still intend to maintain their links with the Centre and Thelesho School. Iain Gillespie said that he would bring the information Fiona Gillespie had prepared, after her visit to the Centre, about the Centre's financial needs to the next PCC meeting. The Vicar advised that the Church of the Resurrection want a report about how their involvement in the Maurice Frost Festival had gone.

Glebe land: George Fenemore advised us that the Parish does not own the land and that the money is invested to help pay for the clergy pension fund.

Purchases for the Church: it was felt that the minutes from the June meeting were an accurate record of what was agreed, but upon reflection it was felt it took away from the PCC the right to sanction purchases too.

Potential piano purchase: The Secretary has advised the insurance company that people would not always be in the Church and they confirmed that they are more concerned about the piano being locked, or a flap being put over the keys to ensure damage does not occur to them. The Secretary advised that the current insurance policy would not fully cover the piano and that they are calculating the additional premium options.

Skateboarding: The insurance company has advised that for a claim to succeed the PCC and the Church needs to be proven to be negligent. Whether church representatives are present is irrelevant. The insurance company said that there must be no excuse that the warning signs have not been seen. They have advised that people should check the Church at different times.

Readings information: The Vicar showed us an example of a readings leaflet suitable for weekly distribution prepared by Sue Addison and asked whether we wanted information as to the readings to be via such a leaflet or, monthly, via *Church Matters*. It was unanimously agreed to put details of the month's Bible readings in *Church Matters* each month.

“Deddington On Air”: This was a suggestion from David Rogers and we were advised that he would give a free computer to use for it and the costs for the provision of the internet services for the Church would be £300 per annum. It was suggested that this was a project the Youth Worker could become involved in.

Sunday services CDs: 4 copies of the previous week's service had been distributed to the sick and hospitalised and were well received. It was acknowledged that the sound quality of these CDs was not as good as it could have been, but the can be rectified in the future.

Church Bazaar: Discussion took place about the last one and potential new ideas to enhance the next one. A potential date of 7th November has to be confirmed. Ideas for the Bazaar have been requested to be given to Pat Brittain, Jean Welford and Jose Stevens.

Luncheon Club: Lilian Curnow advised that she would be distributing leaflets to advertise the Club during July's Farmers' Market, in an attempt to increase numbers for the Club.

N.B. There is no update from the spiritual PCC meeting during August 2010 – please refer instead to the “From The Vicar” section, in the September edition of “Church Matters”.