

UPDATE FROM THE PCC MEETING 18th MAY 2009

Church Furniture

It was agreed that 6 chairs with arms in the style of the new seating should be purchased immediately.

It was agreed that the 7 pews unsold at the present time should be retained unless any are found to be too beetle damaged to be worth keeping. George Fenemore would check for damage. An additional 2 pews have been sold but will be retained in church until the owner requires them. (It is not clear that the PCC has at any time hitherto resolved that no further sale of pews should take place. The minutes from the meeting held on 23 March 2009, section 8b read - *Wendy and Viviane circulated a report from their committee (a copy is on file). There has been considerable resistance to removing all pews, and to too much empty space, and a desire for more oak chairs rather than folding ones. The suggestion is that we buy 50 more oak chairs (including 4 or 6 with arms) to fill the blocks north and south of the pillars, appeal for funding (several offers have already been received), retain for the time being some pews by the north and south walls and in due course buy folding/stacking chairs to bring our seating capacity up to 250+. It was agreed that at present there is no room for more chairs, but when the floor is finished and all sold/reserved pews have been removed we can review the situation. Meantime we should try to establish from the service registers and Sue Addison (events coordinator) on how many occasions we need to seat larger congregations/audiences.*)

It was agreed that no further decisions in respect of the furnishing of the church should be taken until the new floor had been completed and there had been a chance to experience the church with the seating arranged in various configurations.

It was agreed that some weeks after the completion of the flooring a presentation of a number of possible furnishing schemes would be made to the congregation. Comment would be received on this occasion and further written comments would be invited. Comments gathered would be considered at the PCC meeting following the presentation meeting. The PCC would then as soon as possible, either at a further meeting or by means of a circulated paper, present a single proposal as to furnishing to the congregation, with the rationale behind the proposal. Having taken account of any further comment received, the PCC will reach a decision.

This measured procedure will mean that for certain services and events in the next months extra seating will have to be introduced on a temporary basis.

Communication

In view of recent difficulties with respect to communication and consultation it was agreed to adopt the following procedures:

After each PCC meeting an Interim Statement on discussions held and decisions taken at that meeting will be agreed at the meeting and issued to the congregation. The Statement will cover only such matters as are deemed to warrant the attention of the congregation. The Interim Statement will be posted in the Church. Copies of the Interim Statement will be made available to members of the congregation. Written comment (this includes email) will be invited. Such comment should be sent to the PCC Secretary. An item 'Comment received' will be included on the agenda of every PCC meeting. It is of course open to members of the congregation to write to the PCC on any matter. Those offering comment will receive an account of the PCC's discussion of that comment. The PCC will not guarantee consideration of non-written comment.

The agreed and signed minutes of PCC meetings will be available for inspection to any member of the church whose name is registered on the Parish Electoral Roll. The PCC Secretary should be contacted in this instance.

It was agreed that PCC meetings should be held Monthly (with the exception of August), usually on the second Monday of each month.