

## UPDATE OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2011

**Treasurer's Report:** Following The Vicar's request for giving to be increased to a level in line with the General Synod's recommendation Iain had had 40 responses, which included several from people who intend their contributions to remain the same and some from those who will be giving new or higher contributions. The net result will produce an additional £7,000, or so, plus gift aid. In order to meet budgetary projections, an extra £20,000 is still required.

**Friends of Deddington Church:** The Vicar asked for volunteers to create a 'Friends' group and for a 'figure head' to run it.

**Hempton Church quinquennial report:** Alcocks will be asked to repair and treat the decay in the Hall skirting when the new doors are fitted, test the electrical systems and make any recommended repairs. Les advised that the money for the doors and a few extras is in hand, but the rest would need to be raised by the Friends of Hempton Church. The Vicar confirmed that a dedication service will take place for the doors.

**History of Christianity in 15 Objects Lecture Series 2011-12:** Dan Inman advised that there will be 15 speakers and that Bishop John will be the first one when the series starts in September 2011. The Lectures will broadcast and recorded.

**Swedish placement for Curate:** The Vicar advised that as part of Dan Inman's training he is required to do a placement. This has been arranged at the Sofia Church, Jonkoping, Deddington's link church in Sweden. Dan will arrive on 17<sup>th</sup> May and will stay until 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> June. These dates will tie in with the Deddington Deanery Choir visit and pilgrimage. In return the Church would receive one of the Sofia Church's curates, at a date to be arranged, in the Autumn/Winter of 2011. With regard to the two Sundays that Dan will be away the Vicar confirmed that he will be discussing cover with Hugh Marshall and Christopher Hall (Christine Turner will be on the trip to Sweden).

**Fourth Sunday Worship:** One idea recently proposed is to offer croissants and coffee at 10 a.m. in advance of the new service at 10.30 a.m. This proposal did not envisage a Eucharist earlier in the morning. The Vicar said that early research with the proposed 'target group' for the new service revealed an interest in the proposed new format. The Vicar proposed that contacts should be invited to a meal to discuss the proposals. Judy Ward said that she would like to join the Worship Committee. The Vicar said that it was an open committee and anyone could still join.

**Lent series:** The Vicar presented a proposal for a series of talks on the Bible to be given by Daniel Inman, Christopher Hall, Hugh Marshall, Christine Turner and himself during Lent. Topics would include the way the Bible was formed, the history of Israel and the matching up or not of the Gospels.

**Deanery Eucharist on June 19<sup>th</sup>:** The Vicar advised that the Deanery would like everyone to attend a service at St. Mary's, Bloxham, at 10 a.m. on that day and that neither the 10.30 a.m. service in Deddington, or the 9 a.m. in Hempton would take place. It was unanimously agreed that a 9 a.m. service would be arranged for Hempton on the previous Sunday.

**Tsogo Projects:** The Vicar informed the PCC that 10 children were attending the day-care centre at the moment and there are 3 members of staff. Gratitude has been expressed for the monies which have been sent, and the monies from Bloxham School have been used to install outside play equipment. Remaining funds may be used to acquire dedicated transport. Money for payment of a stipend at the Tsogo Centre, a donation previously agreed by the PCC, has not been sent yet, but will be arranged.

**APCM:** Iain Gillespie declared that he is willing to be co-opted to the Treasurer's role. Glynne Bianchi declared that she would be standing down this year from the role of Church Warden, as she will have completed 3 years. George Fenemore suggested that Adrian Brett, from Barford St Michael Church, could look in to the health and safety risk assessment. Other agenda items proposed for the APCM are Friends of Deddington Church, a possible new Sunday service and giving.

**Year of Live Broadcasting:** It was noted that the first year's anniversary of live broadcasting from the Church was approaching and it was agreed that Judy Ward would organise a celebration in conjunction with Jean Welford.