

## **UPDATE FROM THE PCC MEETING – 14 OCTOBER 2009**

### **Parish Forum:**

This will be held on **Thursday 22 October, at 7.30 pm** in the Church. The Vicar has agreed to write out a paper, for distribution on Sunday 18 October, outlining his vision for the church over the next five years.

It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will attend and give their views.

### **Safeguarding Policy:**

A revised Safeguarding Policy (formally Child Protection) is currently being considered by the PCC.

### **St John's, Hempton:**

The Friends of Hempton Church have put together an information pack about their proposals to reinstate wooden doors in the church between the church and meeting room. The PCC feel that this is an excellent proposal and are able to support this in principle, subject to more detailed drawing and costs.

Les Chappell has advised the PCC that St John's will be locked up during the day again, at the end of October. The church will be re-opened to visitors during day light hours when British Summer Time commences again.

### **Health and Safety:**

Bryony Fenemore has been co-ordinating activities and you will have seen that the church is looking much tidier. A programme of risk assessments is also underway. Bryony will be providing the PCC with regular updates on progress.

### **Vicarage and plots of land on Earls Close:**

The Archdeacon has now confirmed that the new vicarage has been let out. Notices are also on display at the entrance to Earls Close advertising the remaining two plots of land for sale.

### **Remaining Pews in Church:**

The PCC have agreed to the remaining pews being removed from the church over the next few weeks. Those that are salvageable will be safely stored whilst we consider how the church looks without them.

### **PCC Secretary:**

Jennifer Childs will be standing down as PCC Secretary after the APCM in April 2010. Anyone interested in taking on this role is welcome to talk to Jen in the first instance about what is currently involved in this position.