

## UPDATE FROM THE PCC - 28TH JUNE

**Prayers:** The Vicar asked for the Holy Spirit to be present during the meeting and for there to be elements of fun, during what could be difficult discussions.

**Screens:** It was agreed that two five panel screens, finance permitting, should be acquired and would be used to cover the side of the kitchen area. Three five panel screens would be desirable. It was unanimously decided to ask the congregation to choose the colour of the screens.

**Re-instating of Hempton Church doors:** It was clarified that the Friends of Hempton Church are raising the money for the new doors and that PCC funds are not being requested. Concern expressed publicly by a Hempton resident about fund-raising priorities within the community was noted. There was unanimous agreement to apply for a Faculty to re-instate the doors. The Secretary advised the PCC that the insurance company had confirmed that, providing the works are carried out by a professional contractor, with their own insurances in place, St John's insurance cover would not be prejudiced.

**Skateboarding:** Glynne Bianchi raised health and safety concerns with respect to young people skateboarding in Deddington Church. Notice has now been put up forbidding such activities. Secretary asked to check with insurance company about the situation if children are on their own in the Church.

**Purchases for the Church:** It was agreed that any purchase of items for church, with the exception of small consumables, must have the prior approval of the Standing Committee. Donations of items should only be accepted after approval by the PCC or Standing Committee. Donated items no longer required, even when given in memory of someone, could properly be disposed of from the Church. In future before any gift is accepted, the donor must be made aware that the Church has the absolute right to dispose of it. Agreement was unanimous.

**Curate:** The Vicar advised us that under the new Initial Ministerial Education scheme in the Church of England our new Curate, Dan Inman would need to provide evidence of competence in various areas of ministry. The new system would take account of what Dan had already done and what his training priorities should be and this would emerge in discussion between him and the Diocese. The Vicar hopes that the congregation as a whole will be involved in his training. A comment was made about the information which has already been circulated about Dan and a request was made on behalf of the congregation for more facts about him. The Vicar will ask Dan to write an article about himself. The Vicar noted a suggestion about introducing Dan to the village (other than those who come to Church).

**Internet broadcasting of services:** A full and frank discussion took place about which services should be broadcast and/or recorded. It was felt that it was acceptable to record Sunday morning and evening services, but strong reservations were expressed about the broadcast of daily Morning Prayer. It was agreed that the broadcast of Morning Prayer should be discontinued. For booked services (e.g. weddings and funerals) an inquiry should be made of those requesting the service as to whether broadcast/recording was desired. It was noted that the recording of professional musicians would be likely to attract fees.

**Computer for internet cafe:** The wiring is already in place in the Living Room for such a facility. Provision of the facility would mean the Church would have to be stewarded at the relevant times. It was agreed that the community should be consulted through the Deddington News as to whether they would like the Church to offer this facility, and if so, as to what times would be appropriate for its availability. Standing Committee needs to look at internet, laptop and printer costs and where to keep the equipment securely.

**Phone mast:** Iain Gillespie advised that the Church would receive £12,000 per annum if it allowed a 'phone mast to be installed in the Tower. Attention was drawn to the "Daily Telegraph" article (23.6.10.) entitled "mobile 'phone masts no threat to children, scientists conclude". A full discussion ensued. It was proposed that there should be a further investigation.

**Photovoltaic cells:** pictures of the photovoltaic cells on St James' Piccadilly Church in London were shown. Installation there cost £37,000 5 years ago. It might be possible to put such cells on the roof of the south aisle of Deddington Church. However, George Fenemore had calculated that an  
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installation would weigh just over 4 tons. George advised that to use photovoltaic cells would not be an effective way of generating electricity, since such cells have only a 20 years life span and require maintenance 4 times a year. A full discussion followed. Glynne Bianchi proposed further investigation, including whether the roof could take the weight, and said that she is prepared to take on the exploratory investigation ensuring there are no financial implications for the Church, during the investigations.

**Churchyard maintenance:** A notice to fell 4 trees in the churchyard had been sent to the Council, as 2 are starting to crack the war memorial. This is required as it is in a conservation area. The Council has 6 weeks to respond. The lower church yard and lane is being dealt with by the Parish Council. George Fenemore said that he will be making some more steel gate posts. The spreading ground elder was noted as a difficulty.

**Wedding fees:** The Vicar confirmed that we seem to charge less than other churches. A working party was formed to consider the fees, including charges for recording the wedding.

**Youth Worker interviews update:** Interviews had taken place. It was clarified that it was a 1 year appointment, with the option to extend it further, finances permitting.

**Review of Frost Festival and choirs tours:** The Vicar felt it is a good idea to have a review and the Church of the Resurrection have asked us for a report about their part in the Festival. After a discussion it was decided to have a cheese and wine evening on Saturday 24th July at 7.30 p.m. in Deddington Church, for those who would like to review the Festival and the choir visits.

**Glebe land:** The Vicar advised us that the Diocese want to sell the land at Castle Farm, in Clifton Road, Deddington. It was clarified that Glebe Land belongs to the Parish and is designed to provide a living for the incumbent. The Diocese gets the money and there used to be an allocation of money to the Parish. The Vicar said that there needs to be a check whether this is still the case.

**Church tourism evening at the Deanery:** The Vicar said that there would be a Cotswolds' Festival during 2 of the mid weekends in May 2011. There will be a taster date in October 2010 and Bishop Colin would need to know if the Church wanted to be involved. The Vicar felt it would be too late to start getting involved in the Festival if we waited to see what the taster day is like. It was suggested that we could advertise next June's Deddington Festival in the Cotswolds' Festival literature.

**Springs Dance Company – "Bread of Life":** The Vicar advised us that the Dance Company were offering a new performance called "Bread of Life" at a cost of £750 and we would need to provide accommodation for them as well. It was clarified that the PTA paid for the last performance. Based on the last takings it was felt that we would not cover the cost and the Vicar said that we will have to say no this time.

**Piano:** The Vicar read out a letter from Janet Lince offering to purchase a grand piano for the Church and in return have free use of it. The Secretary said that she had already spoken to the insurance company and they had said that they would want to know who is dealing with the insurance of it, its value and that appropriate security measures are taken. On the last point they want the wheels locked, care to prevent damage, including malicious damage, to it and to prevent someone (unauthorised) playing it. A full discussion took place as to the space the piano would take up, particularly during Farmers' Market, the responsibility of looking after it and the terms Janet had given for this gift being made. The Secretary agreed to look into the insurance aspects further, including the fact that the Church would not be locked during the day and there are not always church representatives present in the Church and to advise them of the value. It was agreed to cordon off a space equivalent to that taken up by a grand piano to test the impact on the Farmers' Market of accepting the piano.

**Proclaiming ourselves as Christians during Farmers' Market:** It was suggested that a prayer station is put at the steps of the altar for prayer requests.

**Present for Judith Tinsley:** After a discussion it was decided to purchase a book token for Judith from PCC funds, to present to her during the service on 4<sup>th</sup> July.