

Building Development Update June 2011

Thank you to all of those who have already volunteered to help with the various projects. Rest assured that a member of the Building Development Group (BDG) will contact you to discuss how you can help. If you have not already 'signed up' for a particular project but wish to do so, (everyone can do something) then it is not too late. Please contact any member of the BDG for more details.

As you are aware, the first faculty application has been made to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). A notice detailing the requests has been prominently displayed on the main church door for the last month. Any objections to the proposals should have been lodged with the Diocesan Registrar by the 29th May. So, by the time you read this, I am praying that the application has been approved and that we can, at long last, start to implement some of the changes.

It is hoped that the relocation of the sound desk to the north aisle (to improve the welcome area) can be achieved this month, and that work will start on the installation of the retractable screen, projector and camera during July. We hope to be able to commence the refurbishment of the porch shortly. There are obvious issues with 'stripping out' the porch and the question of storage; so careful consideration is being given to this, before work commences.

Removal of the pews in the north aisle to allow for the prayer ministry area and implementation of a tea/coffee and flower preparation area is likely to take place when prospective purchasers have been identified. So, if you would like to purchase a pew or if you know of somebody who would, then please speak to the Vicar.

As previously reported, we have received from our 'Inspecting Architect' an indication of the costs involved in the construction of a toilet adjoining the church building. However, we considered it prudent to obtain comparisons and other DAC approved architects have

therefore been invited to provide estimates of costs. To date, two of the architects approached have responded and hopefully we will have some comparable costs to consider, in the near future.

A small group of us have recently visited the Christian Resource Exhibition at Sandown Park. Our main focus was on church furnishings and especially chairs. There are certainly a variety of styles and colours available, not to mention differing costs. We were also able to come away with some ideas for storage. The overall options for colour and design will require considerable thought, but at least we now have a better idea of the products available.

Our newest member of the BDG team is Vicky Stephen who will be co-ordinating the 'Fund Raising'. This is a vital and complex role so I am sure you will all be giving her your full support - she has some interesting and fun ideas for forthcoming events. There will be a fund raising event to launch the programme. This is expected to take place in September; so watch this space for details!

I personally, am delighted that the 'Building Development' is, at long last, on the move. We face challenging but exciting times ahead. I am sure that together and with God's loving guidance we can achieve whatever he wills!

Pauline Metcalfe on behalf of the BDG