

b) Textiles and Fabrics

The Consultancy has taken time off during the summer. The next step is to assemble a needlework team from the village. The Ladies Lace Group was seen as fertile recruiting ground (**Andrew**). The new cupboard for storage of materials is being worked on.

c) Bells

The relevant faculty is in place and (subsequent to the meeting) the "bat lady" has agreed to work commencing. The bell foundry has requested permission to invoice for a further 30%, since they have now completed work on the bells and are ready to install. Again subsequent to the meeting this was agreed. Arrangements are being co-ordinated for the removal of the partition (due to be completed in September) and construction of an insulating floor above the ringing chamber (**Pam**).

5. Service Arrangements

a) Harvest Festival, 12th October at 3pm

The organist has been booked. A flyer needs to go round the village advertising the service and seeking produce, donations and other help. Three helpers are required to serve tea and cake after the service (**Secretary**). Decoration of the church is in hand. There will be a retiring collection for Water Aid (**Richard**). A decision on disposal of fruit and vegetables will be made after the service.

b) Patronal Service, 30th November at 10.00am

Piper needs to be booked and arrangements made for refreshments post service (**Secretary**). There is a musical festival that weekend and it is unlikely that we will have a contribution from the children. The first part of the service will focus on Advent and there will be a sequence of brief readings given by young readers (**Andrew**).

c) Carol Service, 18th December at 7pm

The organist has been booked. Post service refreshments will be mince-pies and mulled wine; young readers will be participate in the service (**Mr & Mrs Riley, Secretary**).

d) Christmas Day at 9am

John Spriggs will take the service, an organist is required (**Secretary**).

6. Group/Deanery Matters

- Richard will be away between 27 December and 27 January. All arrangements for services have been made. Mike Notley should be contacted in an emergency.
- There will be a service at Bourne Abbey on 1st February at 6pm when eight lay ministers within the Group will be licensed.
- The size of the Deanery has been increased with the recent addition of Bourne Abbey and the Ringstone group of churches. The effective boundaries are now A15 (east), A1 (west), A52 (north) to five miles north of Stamford in the south.
- Christmas cards and calendars, that were very well received last year, will be produced again. They will include features of our churches – that only the truly observant may have spotted (says Richard).

- Roger Heaton is producing a set of cards that show our various stained glass windows to good effect.
- The Deanery Evensong (14th Sept.) at Great Ponton, marking their Patronal Festival of Holy Cross was well attended and appreciated by our new deanery members.
- There will be an Agape supper at Little Bytham on Tuesday 7th October at 7pm. Tickets (£5) for Christian Aid available from Richard.
- Diocesan Event at Lincoln Cathedral on Sunday 19th October.
- Coffee Morning at the Rectory (Ropsely) on Thursday 9th October from 10am to noon, organised by Ingoldsby members. This is one of a sequence being hosted by Richard, and Boothby Pagnell are invited to organise a coffee morning. Sapperton raised £130 at their event.

7. Finance and Funding

Nothing to report on finance – situation was broadly as at the last meeting. Following a discussion on our funding requirement it was agreed to invite Rick Clegg to a special PCC meeting. Funding would be the only topic and we would look to Rick to provide guidance on how we proceed. The date of the meeting will be **Tuesday 28th October at 7pm** in the Village Hall.

8. Secretarial Correspondence

The meeting was advised of the following matters,

- Miss E M Bean had made a generous donation of £250 towards the church's operating expenses. The Secretary had written a letter, on behalf of the PCC, of thanks and appreciation.
- A request was received from the Grantham Branch of the Lincolnshire Family History Trust to visit and record inscriptions within the churchyard. Their visit was welcomed although it was pointed out that a comprehensive survey had been made by Mr & Mrs Collier and the details were posted on the church section of the village website (<http://www.boothby.org.uk>).
- Notice received from the Diocese of Lincoln indicating the need for PCCs with a gross annual income in excess of £100,000 to register before 30th September 2009 with the Charity Commission. PCCs in this category will no longer be "excepted charities" and thus the need to register. It was agreed that this did not apply to us and that we would not need to attend the offered training. PCCs with income less than £100,00 may also be required to register but not until 2012 at the earliest.
- Information has been received from the Lincoln Diocese U2charist Animateur concerning an event, "Stand Up" on October 18th at 2pm (details attached). For more details see the diocesan website (<http://www.lincoln.anglican.org>).

10. AOB

A discussion took place concerning restorative work on the organ (Hope/Jones) which is estimated in the range of £30 – 50,000. Its quality is good although the console requires attention and all leather needs replacing. It was last maintained about 20 – 30 years ago. It does not qualify as an original since it has been moved from its original location in the tower. If restored it could be a source of

income although in the light of other demands it does not have the greatest priority. It was agreed to keep it under review.

The plan to get further copies of the church key has been unsuccessful. The master key has been returned to Richard.

11. Date of next meeting

This will be held on Tuesday 28th October at 7pm in the Village Hall. This will be a meeting with Rick Clegg to determine the way forward on funding. There will be no other topics and we will need to decide whether a further PCC meeting is required before the AGM on 23rd April 2009.

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"Stand Up" attachment