

- Refurbishment of the Children's Chapel.

This work has been submitted to the DAC and their decision is awaited. If it is approved, the faculty application form is then submitted to the chancellor and the notice of application is displayed for 28 days.

- Refurbishment of the church rooms' kitchen and toilets, repairs to the stonework of the tower and changes to the car park.

The fabric committee has several areas of work which need completing and engaged a firm of architects to oversee this work and to undertake the faculty process. This include the installation of an accessible toilet in the rooms, an entry phone to the parish office, a ramp to the office, repairs to the bells, widening of the car park and raising of the kerb. DAC approval will be sought in the next month.

- Re-siting of benches.

The two benches outside of the parish office have been in storage for the last year. The Archdeacon has given his approval for them to be re-sited on a hard standing on the grassed area to the west of the lych gate. This was allowed because the change was relatively minor and would not affect the fabric of the church rather than having to seek a formal faculty.

- Renewal of notice boards and sign post.

This has been approved by the PCC but before a faculty may be applied for, we have to seek the permission of other interested parties. Even though they are replacing existing boards, the church has to check with Bromley Council that we do not need formal planning permission.

For other work which the church is planning please read the annual report of the fabric committee.

Matthew Young

PRAYERS – as heard by children – remembered as adults!

Richard: When I was a child, I learned this prayer as "Our Father, who are in Heaven, Howard be thy name." I always thought that was God's real name.

Lisa: My mother spent her early childhood saying, "Hail Mary, full of grapes."

Alison: My son, who is in nursery school, said, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, how didja know my name?"

John: I remember thinking this prayer was "Give us this day our jelly bread."

Carol: When I was a little girl, we sang a song in Sunday school about Noah. Part of the chorus was "And the rains came down, and the floods came up." We lived next door to a couple of charming little girls who always sang this song while playing in their garden. Their words were, "And the rains came down, and the spuds came up."

Tina: When I was younger, I believed the line was "Lead a snot into temptation." I thought I was praying for my little sister to get into trouble.