

## **PCC Notes**

(a) Extraordinary meeting on Sunday 7 November

### **Children's Chapel Mural**

Alison Hodson's designs were displayed, and she outlined the rationale and underlying symbolism. The designs were unanimously approved by the PCC, who expressed their delight and gratitude for the work completed so far.

### **Recommendations for work on the Chapel**

A detailed set of recommendations from the Fabric Committee, covering lighting, acoustics, levelling of the floor, re-design of the altar rail and new seating, was approved. The work will be funded from bequests. The main issue is to develop a timing programme which avoids a clash between this project and the mural, work on which is currently due to commence in the New Year. The Fabric Committee was asked to try to rationalise the two programmes.

(b) Meeting on Wednesday 17 November

### **JusB: Presentation by Rachel Archer**

Rachel Archer gave a presentation on the work of JusB in Bromley, describing how the aim is to put the gospel over in ways with which young people would identify. She described the excellent facilities at the youth centre, and the wider role of the 3 youth workers and volunteers. She also emphasised the importance of links with individual churches. The presentation aroused much interest from PCC members, and it was recognised that opportunities should be sought to take the message to the wider congregation.

### **St. Paul's House**

BAIS are keen to make long-term investment in improvements to the building, including double-glazing. The PCC agreed to support this, with the aim of carrying out a range of improvements to

the entire building in a single programme. A small working group is being set up to oversee the project, which will be funded from the St. Paul's House reserve.

### **Financial Statements and Reports**

The PCC reviewed the overall financial position to the end of September. Although there had been a significant improvement against June figures, mainly because of legacies and surpluses on hire of facilities, housekeeping costs still showed a significant shortfall of income against expenditure. The importance of legacies was highlighted, particularly to finance the programme of investment in improving facilities in and access to the Church. The PCC approved the budget for 2005, including the Vicar's stipend. The projected deficit for 2005 is just over £35,000.

### **Inclusive Church**

A decision on whether to sign up to the statement was deferred until March, allowing for an opportunity to take further soundings from the wider congregation.

### **Summer Event Proposal**

It was agreed to experiment in 2005 with a new form of event, involving co-operation with local organisations to provide a centre-piece and minimise the burden of organisation on BPC members. Raising funds for Bromley Welcare would still be a key objective.

### **Musical Scholarship**

The PCC agreed to establish one or more choral scholarships, in parallel with the existing organ scholarship. The arrangements will involve a high standard of training, and will be compatible with the plans of the Choir. Funding will come from capital rather than day-to-day revenue, and the programme will be reviewed after 5 years

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