

## Bromley Parish Church PCC Notes

for meeting on Wednesday 16 November 2005

### Financial Statements and Reports

The projected deficit for 2005 was £19,311, reflecting a slight improvement in expected income. The current round of major building and development projects was being financed substantially through the use of legacies, with remaining legacy funds now standing at about £89,000. Salary proposals and the Vicar's stipend for the coming year were agreed. The PCC approved an annual budget for 2006, for which the deficit was projected as about £8,500 (Note: this reflects the fact that BPC will be without a curate for much of the year.)

### Assistant Curate

It was formally noted that Alison Newman would be leaving in February to take up an appointment in St. Mary's Shortlands. Thanks were expressed to Alison for the major contribution she has made to the life of BPC in her time here.

### Church building projects

The PCC approved the latest estimate of overall expenditure, £218,867, and a small increase in the cost of improvements to the lighting of the church. Gratitude was expressed to both Ernest Yeo and Gill Thompson for all their efforts on the wide variety of building projects.

### St. Paul's House

The top floor will become vacant soon as existing leases expire. Discussions are in hand with prospective occupants, and firmer news is expected in January.

### Pulpit Fall and textiles

Sue Riley's sketches were approved. The designs are intended to complement the altar frontal.

### LATCH

The meeting considered an emergency appeal on behalf of the project, but after some discussion felt unable to fund a donation, despite the undoubtedly valuable nature of the work done by LATCH.

### Pianos

The grand piano and the upright in the choir vestry are no longer fit for purpose. The meeting considered options, and agreed a budget to replace both pianos using funds from the Peaker bequests. It was considered important to maintain BPC's high musical standards: replacement pianos could be expected to last around 40 years.

### Committee Reports

Reports from the following were discussed and approved: Rooms/Youth Centre Committee, St. Paul's House Liaison Committee, Fabric Committee, Education Committee, Finance Committee, Deanery Synod.

### Other Business

- The PCC acknowledged the valuable contribution of Maureen Woods, who was retiring after many years as BPC's cleaner.
- Gillian Million will be the new Welcare representative and Matthew Young is taking over as Co-ordinator of Welcomers.
- the list of alms for 2006 was formally approved

**John Payne**  
PCC Secretary

