

He also ran through his ideas for using the work for outreach purposes, focusing initially on local schools.

After a further lively discussion on the balance between the costs of such a venture and the benefits of providing something permanent to reflect the importance of the occasion, a formal vote was taken on reaffirming the May decision. It was agreed by 10 to 3, with one abstention, to proceed with plans to commission a choral work.

Committee Reports

Reports were approved from the Standing, St. Paul's House Management, Rooms/Youth Centre and Finance Committees and CTCB. The view of the meeting was that, if no arrangement can be reached with the main tenants, the vacant first-floor area of St. Paul's House should be advertised quickly.

Any other business

The appointment of Matthew Young as Treasurer for the St. Paul's House Management Committee was unanimously agreed.

John Payne
PCC Secretary

FAITH & WORK CONSULTATIONS

TUESDAYS 8pm – 9.30pm

Church Rooms

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| Health and Social Care | 12 September |
| Education | 21 November |
| Legal and Financial Services | 23 Jan 2007 |
| Retirees | 8 May 2007 |
| Local and National Government and Police | 10 July 2007 |
| Self employed and home workers | 11 Sept 2007 |

Pastoral Assistant

We are to have a new Pastoral Assistant. As many people know Anita Townsend is to join the Ministry Team this autumn as our second PA alongside Rhoda Mackenzie.



For the past three years Anita has been following the Diocesan training scheme to prepare her to take up her ministry. This involved, firstly, doing the "Faith and Ministry"

course and then the "Developing Ministries programme". These provide a three year course in basic theology for anyone taking up an authorised lay ministry within the Diocese. In addition to these Anita also did "Pastoral Assistant Specific" training alongside the DMP.

You can see that it's not been an easy three years for Anita. She's put a lot of hard work into it and now she comes to the point of receiving the Bishop's authorisation to minister as a Pastoral Assistant in the Parish. The Authorisation service will take place at **St. Mary's Shortlands at 6.30pm on Sunday 8 October**. There will be no service at BPC that evening so we can all go to Shortlands to support Anita. Do please come along.

I'm delighted that Anita has reached this point, she's been helping out with a range of pastoral tasks recently anyway but there will be plenty for her to do as a fully authorised Pastoral assistant. It will be good for her to be part of the Parish's ministry. Do please pray for Anita in the coming weeks as she prepares for her authorisation and do come along to the service at Shortlands.

Michael Camp