

Fabric update for the PCC meeting 6th September 2023

- 1 We have received an Archdeacon's letter confirming the position of the 2 large chairs adjacent to the choir. If we now want to remove the chairs from the church then we will need to apply for a faculty to do this. Terry Brazier to prepare the reasons for removing 1 or both of them.
- 2 We have received the tenders for the installation of the toilets and servery.
 - a. The tender for the Tower was for £146,077
 - b. The tender for the servery was for £59,945
 - c. The tender for the drainage as designed was for £100,000The design for the toilets has changed in that we now want to have a gravity rather than a pumped drainage system. This will mean that the drainage connection is by the war memorial rather than by the HRHolmes shop. It will also mean that we do not need to construct manholes within the plant room minimising the dig in the area or the existing boiler room.
- 3 Sherry Bates has programmed in the design of the Plant room and new drainage in for September, with us being able to go out to tender in November after obtaining the faculty and planning permission.
- 4 We are waiting for Ian Tolliday's input on the repairs for the 3 windows on the North aisle. With this Sherry Bates will be able to put together the specification for the necessary documentation for us to go out to tender in November with a start on site anticipated in The Spring of 2024.
- 5 The last PCC meeting approved the increase in cost of repairing the drainage through the Tower buttress and we are awaiting a start date to undertake the work. At this stage we have been given a start date at the end of August.
- 6 We have sent the Quinquennial report to Bidwells, who act for Trinity College. They anticipate coming back to us within 1 month.
- 7 We have not yet circulated paper copies of the Quinquennial report. I do have a cost of £288 to print and wire bind 27 copies (one for each of the PCC and copies for the files, me etc.
- 8 Following a successful trial of the candelabra at the last PCC meeting we set up a meeting with the DAC lighting advisor, Paul Jones to show the outline proposals for the lighting of the church and particularly the choir. Unfortunately he was not able to make the meeting due to illness. As Sherry cannot make any of the alternative dates he gave us and because at this stage we are only looking to put in a faculty for the choir lights, I propose not to re-arrange the meeting and to go ahead with the application for a faculty for the choir lights. The DAC are aware that we want to install new lighting to the choir but we need Oliver Russell to prepare a wiring diagram for the lights before we can apply for a Faculty.
- 9 A number of potential hirers of the church as well as members, have complained about the light levels at the junction of the Nave and the Chancel (also the pulpit and the lectern). A solution to this would be to purchase second candelabra and to erect one either side of the Nave in the position of the existing lights. Dimmers could be installed but the lights would be linked to the power supply for the aisle lights. These aisle lights would be on and undimmed even though you could dim the candelabras. The trial candelabra cost £1,000 and there would also be a cost of erecting the second

candelabras and installing dimmers . if the PCC want me to arrange for the construction of a second candelabra and to get a Faculty/Archdeacons letter then I will do that.

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