





Emergency application for faculty to repair a roof beam in the nave of this Grade I listed church. In August 2010 works for redecoration were carried out in the nave, without a faculty but with the consent of the Archdeacon of Chichester. While scaffolding was erected an inspection of the roof and tie beams was done and cracking was observed in and around the fourth beam. The inspecting architect recommended immediate closure of the church on safety grounds, which is commended, but permitted a scaffold shore to be erected to secure the beam, without the permission of the consistory court. This then led to the arrival of contractors to carry out work for which no permission had been sought or given which led to cross wires and delays. Faculty granted subject to conditions.

16 February    Streatham Park Cemetery

Southwark    Petchey

Exhumation of remains of Mr W and a still born child (his sister), both buried in consecrated ground in Streatham Park Cemetery. Mr W met and married his Belgian wife Rose during WWII, settled in England and had 2 sons, James and Philip who is the petitioner. Rose committed suicide and her remains buried in unconsecrated ground in Streatham in a grave clearly envisaged to eventually hold remains of two people. Mr W committed suicide three years later and his parents chose to bury him with his stillborn sister rather than with his wife. Mr W's children were brought up by their grandparents who are now interred in Maidstone Crematorium. Philip has always visited his parents graves and has always been distressed that they were buried separately, more so now that the cemetery has cleared the memorials from the graves so that he is unable to be certain precisely where they are. Philip has wished to exhume his parents remains for reburial together in Belgium but has only recently secured the consent of his estranged brother. He wishes also for the remains of his father's stillborn sister to be reburied in Maidstone Crematorium with his grandparents. He does not wish one or other of his parents to be exhumed for burial in the other's grave because of the lack of memorials and general lack of maintenance in Streatham Cemetery. Chancellor is persuaded that reburial in Belgium is the best solution. Faculty granted. However, he is not persuaded that there are exceptional circumstances for reburial of the still born child therefore faculty dismissed unless petitioner requests an oral hearing.

17 February    St Paul, Brighton

Chichester

Hill

Faculty is sought for cleaning and repair of this Grade II listed church following a fire in December. In January, arrangements were made for certain church furnishings to be uplifted for cleaning, without any approach being made to the consistory court. The court now permits their removal provided a full inventory and photographic record is taken. Following a fire, the consistory court should be contacted within 48 hours so that directions can be made for dealing with the consequences in a structured and streamlined manner. The court is prepared to issue an interim faculty for works as stated in the Schedule of Proposed Works.

18 February    St Paul, Irton

Carlisle

Tattersall

Internal alterations to vestry to create a disabled WC, kitchenette and lobby; staircase to upper floor for changing facility and meeting room; removal of pews to create open worship area. External works including ramp, handrails and lighting. There was one objector to the pews being removed and to the cost of installation of a WC and concern that widening the external door would disturb some graves and that the proposals might not meet building regulations. Chancellor is satisfied that the pews being removed are not needed for the size of the congregation, that no graves are to be disturbed by the widening of the door and that the plans drawn up by a qualified architect should be in compliance of Building Regulations. Faculty granted.

20 February St Nicholas, Allestree

Derby

Bullimore

Petition by the Vicar and Churchwardens for proposals to make changes to the Garden of Remembrance. The Garden was first established and consecrated in 1996, since when there has been a total of ten interments. By 2000 the plot was not being satisfactorily maintained and in 2005 the shrubs were removed and replaced by turf, the paving removed and the paths tarmaced although there is nothing to show what the area is for. In 2006 a central stone memorial was suggested but was too expensive and finally it was agreed that a tree be planted along with a smaller plaque. In 2010 the PCC authorised a petition for the tree, a memorial stone, two flower containers and replacement kerbstones. There were three objectors, mainly to the tree the roots of which they thought would cause damage and the inscription which they thought was not sufficiently clear in designating the area. Faculty granted.

25 February St Peter & St Paul, Peasmarsh

Chichester

Hill

This concerns the introduction of a memorial, comprising a concrete cross on a square slab, of unknown provenance into the churchyard at Peasmarsh. A memorial was erected over the grave of Mrs O some three years after her death with an inscription that misspells her name. Neither her widow or her sons have any knowledge of who placed it there and its presence is a continuing source of consternation, although it cannot be removed without the grant of a faculty. The incumbent has placed notices in the church magazine, on the notice board and on the gravestone itself requesting the person responsible to come forward with no response. Therefore a restoration order is made for removal of the memorial to be placed in a safe place within the churchyard for a period of six months and if unclaimed, it may be disposed of at the direction of the incumbent.

26 February All Saints, Ockbrook

Derby

Bullimore

The Petitioners wish their parents cremated ashes to be interred in the closed churchyard at Ockbrook, near the interred cremated remains of a granddaughter. The present incumbent opposed this on several grounds. Firstly, that the churchyard is closed and



and installation of two new panels into the organ case. There were no objections to proposed works in the vestry (pews, chairs, heating and floor) therefore a faculty can be issued. The major focus of disagreement was on the removal of choir stalls and desks from the chancel. The VS has no objection to the removal of the front row of choir stalls and desks but does object to their complete removal pointing out they are of good quality and contribute positively to the character of the chancel. Chancellor is not convinced that the parish has thought through how the choir stalls are to be removed, how the resulting exposed areas of wall and floor are to be treated, what new furniture is to be introduced and how it will be arranged. Therefore a faculty will only be issued for the removal of the front choir stalls and desks

7 March

St Mary, Moseley

Birmingham Cardinal

Installation of 48 photovoltaic solar panels on south facing nave roof, mounted on aluminium bars screwed into the roof timbers through pre-drilled holes in the slates. Support from the PCC and CBC and many individuals, but objections from DAC, Victorian Society and English Heritage. Petition is of some importance as it is the first of its kind to be disputed and has created a good deal of interest resulting in future petitions relying on what is reported here. The church's Statement of Needs notes that they are keen to reduce their high heating bills by utilising renewable energy and also reducing carbon dioxide emissions. VS and EH were concerned that the installation would cause damage and that the panels would be reflective and highly visible in such a prominent location, significantly detracting from the harmonious and unified appearance of the south elevations, but the petitioners state that they would have matt black frames and as the church is on higher ground than the road, the roof cannot easily be seen. The DAC were also concerned about visual detriment to a local heritage asset, the puncturing of roof slates possibly leading to water ingress and an absence of a convincing argument for this particular type of electrical microgeneration. Governmental planning guidance is that environmental and economic benefits must outweigh developmental disadvantage and as planning permission had been granted, the Inspector must consider that in this case, this is so. Chancellor refers to *In re St Mary White Waltham* which he considers to be sound law and which should be applied along with the Bishopsgate questions which accordingly points to the granting of a faculty.

21 March

St Andrew, Croydon

Southwark Petchey

This petition is part of a three part scheme for internal re-ordering in this Grade II listed church, but pertains to part one only, recommended by the DAC but with objections by the Victorian Society. The church wishes to remove pews to create a discrete worship area with flexible seating and an area of tiered seating incorporating underneath a WC and kitchen, the removal of the pipe organ and new lighting, heating and audio visual equipment. Another proposal is to introduce a liquid crystal glass screen which would be installed behind the existing screen (to remain) and divide the worship area from the hall facilities. The local High School uses the church a lot and needs a better building as a local centre of worship and mission for the future. VS object to the loss of the existing chancel but Chancellor is convinced the need outweighs any harm that would be caused.







faculty is issued for the erection of a hut which must be removed within five years of its erection.

1 June                      St Peter, Cranbourne    Oxford                      Bursell

Retrospective faculty for a memorial already placed in the churchyard commemorating the circus owner Billy Smart Junior. The memorial is of grey slate and covers an area of two grave spaces with the interval between consisting of a main base and vertical headboard. It is not in accordance with the Churchyard Rules but surprisingly was passed by the DAC. The incumbent at the time had previously given permission for a memorial to David Smart together with kerbing and chippings, and a number of other memorials that did not fall within the delegated authority were introduced. The present incumbent wrote to the Smart family suggesting they apply for a retrospective faculty which is granted especially in the light of the family's fears about interference with the grave by Animal Rights protesters.

1 June                      Radcliffe Infirmary Burial Ground    Oxford                      Bursell

Oxford University purchased the Radcliffe Infirmary site in 2003 to be used to its fullest extent. The University proposes creating a double height basement across the majority of the site for a library and teaching areas, and the foundation of a School of Government as well as an arts centre. Therefore this is a petition for the exhumation and reburial of the human remains in the burial ground. Faculty granted for exhumation and for appropriate archaeological/medical research under very strict conditions.

8 June                      St Mary the Virgin, Burghfield    Oxford                      Bursell

In the last 20 years, a number of adornments have been added to graves that do not comply with the Churchyard Regulations and recent attempts have been made to regularise the position with varying degrees of success. There are a number of babies' graves which occupy a prominent position and also that of two teenagers who died in tragic circumstances and whose graves are visited daily and are highly decorated. Although a grave space may be reserved by a faculty, the grave itself is not owned by the deceased or by his relatives and permission must be sought from the incumbent to erect even a monument. As some items have remained irregularly in the churchyard for some time, the incumbent has rightly applied for a faculty for their removal. Letters were written to those who were known and notices prominently displayed on graves setting out the reasons for this action and their right to object. Chancellor maintains that the PCC was entirely within its rights in wishing to enforce the Churchyard Regulations and indeed is under a duty to enforce the law. Faculty granted.

10 June                      St Mary's, Grassendale    Liverpool                      Hedley

Replacement of pews seating 300 people with modern chairs which has been under discussion for a number of years. There is no central aisle nor central pillars in this Grade II church, giving a sensation of space which could be used more flexibly for imaginative





Disposal by auction of a silver Elizabethan jug mount and a silver-gilt steeple cup and cover. The items, valued at £4,000-£6,000 for the jug and £20,000-£30,000 for the cup, have been kept in a bank vault for a number of years. A recent faculty was granted for major re-ordering to the church at a cost of around £150,000 which is being carried out in phases. Coupled with grants and other monies, the sale of these items would go towards the cost of this worthwhile project. Scheme is not supported by the DAC or CBC. In re St Gregory's Tredington quoted. Chancellor satisfied that the items are redundant, that it would be costly to retain and insure them, that there are no conditions attached to the original gift and that the proceeds are going towards a suitable purpose. Faculty granted.

7 July                      Holy Trinity, Aldershot                                      Guildford                      Jordan

Proposal for the installation of a baptismal pool whilst retaining a conventional Victorian font in another part of the church was previously turned down as being unlawful. This latest proposal suggested a link between the two by way of water overflowing from the font into the pool and on the basis that the pool and the font were a single unit, a faculty would be issued. However, a recent quotation for the proposal had increased by £2000 and as a result the baptismal pool had been installed but the relocation of the original font had been omitted, thus creating two distinct baptismal areas to be linked by a bright red carpet. The petition also proposes installation of new glazed entrance doors at a cost of £2000, the same figure that the petitioners have decided not to spend on relocating the font. Chancellor is not prepared to grant a faculty for the doors until the petitioners have resolved the outstanding issue in relation to the font and baptismal pool.

12 July                      Dorking Cemetery    Guildford                      Jordan

Cremated remains to be exhumed from Dorking Cemetery for re-interrment in the family plot in County Wexford, Ireland as the remainder of the family has now returned permanently to Ireland and there is no-one left in England to tend the grave. Petitioners have not satisfied Chancellor that there are good and proper reasons why the remains should be exhumed. Faculty denied.

12 July                      St. Nicholas, Thames Ditton                                      Guildford                      Jordan

Petition to demolish a boiler house and chimney (now redundant). Section 17 of the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 regarding demolition or partial demolition, was considered. Chancellor satisfied that the operation of this section of the Measure does not arise in this petition. Faculty granted.

13 July                      St Mary Magdalene, Reigate                                      Southwark                      Petchey

Major re-ordering of interior first heard in September 2010 at which an interim judgment was issued. Chancellor did not agree to the removal of the central section of the screen but did not discount the possibility of permitting the chairs but only after having further material submitted. After the petitioners consulted with the various heritage bodies their





Following the death of Mr F, his son had a bench with memorial plaques in the recesses and a horizontal memorial plaque adjacent to the bench erected in his father's memory, under which it was believed that the deceased's cremated remains had been interred. As the work had been done without a faculty being sought, the Archdeacon made application for the bench to be removed, the cremated remains exhumed and re-interred in an area set aside for such. The deceased's widow was then ordered to seek a faculty to remove or confirm the works already done. Such application asked that the oak bench, the plaques on the bench and the stone memorial be permitted to remain and the cremated remains be exhumed and re-interred in the Garden of Remembrance. A faculty was granted for the exhumation and re-interment but there were many objections to the bench relating to the size, workmanship and the language used in the inscriptions on the memorials. Chancellor orders the horizontal memorial plaque to be removed as it no longer marks the place where the deceased's remains are interred; removal of the memorial plaques on the bench as the language used in the inscriptions is out of keeping with tradition; and removal of the bench as it is poorly constructed and already showing signs of wear. He grants faculty for installation of a new bench of the dimensions recommended by the DAC.

21 October St Barnabas, Erdington

Birmingham Cardinal

A faculty was granted in 2010 for the re-building and re-construction of this church after a disastrous fire had destroyed most of it. This petition is for extensive re-ordering to include natural stone flooring throughout the main church; Bath stone for features within the sanctuary and chapel; joinery and doors in American white oak; glass screens between sanctuary and vestry, and sanctuary and chapel; heating and lighting systems and disabled ramp. The DAC is concerned about the glass screens around the chapel and vestry on the grounds that it would be a distraction for those worshipping and a possible invasion of the privacy of those preparing for a church service. Chancellor does not grant faculty for this part of the petition.

1 November St Peter & St Paul, Over Stowey

Bath & Wells

Briden

Replacement of pipe organ by an electronic instrument. Some objections by parishioners, the Victorian Society and the British Institute of Organ Studies. This organ is a good example of a work by Bryceson built between 1859 and 1867 but possibly not exceptional. In its present position it dominates the north east chapel area and prohibits any imaginative conversion of the space for other uses, therefore, with regret the chancellor authorises its disposal by way of sale, gift or otherwise. This faculty extends to the removal of three pine pews to make room for housing the new electronic organ.

11 November Leslie Coultous, deceased

Bradford

Walford

Mr Coultous's remains were interred in the Garden of Rest at St Margaret's Thornbury in 1977. In 1996, while the church and vicarage were demolished, his remains were removed to the site of a new Garden of Rest after being stored temporarily. This new Garden has proved less than satisfactory and has created many problems for visitors. With the recent death of their mother, the petitioners wish for their father's remains to be exhumed and re-interred in Scholemoor Cemetery with their mother's remains so that they may be together. Chancellor is satisfied that there are special or exceptional circumstances due to the changed character of the Garden of Rest; the sense of alienation which the family feels as a result; and the fact that because the deceased's ashes were moved at the time of demolition his "final resting place" lost a degree of permanence. Faculty granted

16 November St Michael & All Angels Chichester Hill  
All Saints, Danehill  
St Matthew, St Leonards-on-sea  
St Mary, Balcome  
St John the Evangelist, Upper St Leonard

St Michael's seeks a faculty to re-cover the flat roof adjacent to west tower and the flat roof adjacent to east vestry roof following lead theft. The number of such thefts was such that insurance would cease to cover the cost of replacing lead for lead and thus a synthetic product is proposed which can be repaired in situ, and has no value if stolen. Permission was granted for work to be carried out. All Saints seek permission to re-cover the south east vestry flat roof with a synthetic material, following copper theft. The roof is concealed from view by a stone parapet. St Matthew requested permission to repair the roof of the rector's vestry using a synthetic material after lead theft for the third time. Such thefts have caused water damage to the interior of the building. The roof is concealed from public view by a brick parapet. St Mary wishes to replace the lead stolen from the flat roof of the toilet with GRP fibreglass. The toilet is a new building (1998) and out of sight of the main entrance to the church. In each case, permission has been granted for the works to proceed. A confirmatory faculty will issue for these petitions. St John the Evangelist has been the target of lead theft on four occasions and has submitted an application for dispensation from faculty. Chancellor ordered works to go ahead on the day application was received and now formally orders that a dispensation from faculty will issue. In such cases of emergency where the integrity of the building is compromised and there is a risk of damage to the fabric and furnishings, the building should be made weather tight and secure and police and insurers informed.

23 November St Mary, Stafford Lichfield Thomas

A petition for a number of works including replacing the main Victorian wooden entrance door with a modern part glazed one. There were objections from the Victorian Society and the Ancient Monuments Society to the removal of this door and proposed that it could remain permanently pinned open while still installing new doors in the outer entrance. The petitioners state that the present door is large, heavy and cumbersome and



it is almost impossible for disabled parishioners and those with pushchairs to gain access to the church. Having glass outer doors and leaving the present door pinned open would be impractical as the church would lose the security and privacy it sometimes needs and would add greatly to the cost of heating the church. Faculty granted on condition the present door be displayed or stored.

28 December Holy Trinity, Shaw

Manchester Tattersall

In the light of recent thefts of metal from the north side of the church and the use of the vicarage grounds, which are hidden from view, by teenage youths leaving behind evidence of drug and alcohol abuse, the Parish feels that the only answer is to enclose the area to the north and west by metal railings. There were objections from residents whose rear gardens adjoin the churchyard to the west and who were concerned about the height of the railings and that access could still be gained to the north side of the church via the gardens in their road. Chancellor is satisfied that the erection of railings is a reasonable response to a problem that needs to be remedied. Faculty granted.

31 December St Mary, Horsell

Guildford Jordan

Petitioners seek permission to break through a mediaeval wall to gain access to the bell tower. Access at present is up a wooden ladder and through a trapdoor which occupies a significant part of the floor space of the very cramped ringing floor. This arrangement acts somewhat of a deterrence to both the young and the elderly from participating in this valuable tradition within the community. SPAB object to the petition pointing out that there are other methods of gaining access. After consideration Chancellor grants faculty.