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CONSISTORY COURT CASES 2002

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Diocese</u>	<u>Chancellor</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Jan 26	St George, Beckenham	Rochester	Goodman	Memorial plaque in church to man who had given long and outstanding service to musical life of Parish. Faculty granted.
Jan 26	Re: Walker	Liverpool	Turner	Exhumation to determine whether twins were both buried in same casket. Faculty granted.
Jan 28	St Mary, Trentham	Lichfield	Shand	Removal of pews. Chancellor questions whether there was a real need to remove them. Case adjourned for further evidence and argument.
Feb 1	St Cyriac, Lacock	Bristol	Calcutt	Sale of 1603 silver wine taster. Funds needed for urgent repairs. Tredington Principles applied. Faculty granted.
Feb 1	St George, Clyst St George	Exeter	Calcutt	Provision of toilet and disposal of pipe organ to be replaced by electronic one. Faculty granted.
Feb 1	St Peter, Shaldon	Exeter	Calcutt	New silver chalice and paten. Was it right to commemorate one person whose name would be engraved on the Chalice? Was it an appropriate use of funds? Faculty granted.

Feb 10	St Peter & St Paul, Yalding	Rochester	Goodman	Kitchen storage area and disabled toilet. Answers to Bishopsgate questions. Whether fact that toilet would be slightly smaller than dimensions specified in Building Regulations 1999 provided permitted Court to grant faculty, there still being adequate room for a disabled person to use it. Application of Disability Discrimination Act 1995. Faculty granted.
Feb 14	St Nicholas, Pinvin	Worcester	Mynors	Major re-ordering of Grade II church. Proposals for multi-purpose area at west end of church with removal of pews, resiting organ, removal of choir stalls, new toilet, altar rails brought forward to chancel arch and altar sited there. Strong opposition by a local resident and some concern by Victorian Society. Bishopsgate questions. Alleged failure to publish proposal widely. Chairs said to be out of keeping in beautiful old building. Faculty granted.
Mar 8	St Michael & All Angels Broadway	Worcester	Mynors	Major re-ordering of west end of Victorian Grade II church. Installation of screen to partition off part of church for various uses. Font repositioned. Two parishioners object. Principles to be applied. Faculty granted.
Mar 17	St Mary, Wimbledon	Southwark	George	Memorial plaque in church near All England Tennis Club to former champions. Vicar supports proposal in face of PCC resolution against further memorials in church. Application of Eartham principles. Faculty granted.
Mar 19	St Mary Magdalene, South Bersted	Chichester	Hill	Removal of pews and changing layout of chancel of Grade II church. Faculty granted.

Mar 22	St Peter, Stoke on Tern	Lichfield	Shand	Re-ordering of Grade II church. No architect involved, no consultation with English Heritage or amenity societies. Petition adjourned for Petitioners to present viable scheme after proper consultation.
Mar 30	St Lawrence, Denton	Manchester	Holden	Platform in front of chancel screen necessitating removal of some pews to provide space for concerts, drama, dance etc. Strong opposition by six parishioners. Case decided on written representations. Need for facilities compared with effect of changes on character of church. Faculty granted.
Mar 31	Christ Church, Harwood	Manchester	Holden	Gravestone to incorporate photographic image of deceased. Principles to be applied. Faculty granted.
Apr 3	All Saints, Crondall	Guildford	Goodman	Contemporary stained glass in ancient Grade I church to mark Millennium. Opposition by CCC. Bishopsgate Questions. Meaning of “necessity”. Faculty granted.
Apr 12	Holy Trinity, Idle	Bradford	Walford	Removal of pews and wooden sub-floor. Carpet for nave. Some concern by amenity societies. Answers to Bishopsgate questions in relation to Grade II Church. Faculty granted.
Apr 16	Blagdon Cemetery Re: Steven Whittle	Bath & Wells	Court Arches	Exhumation. Appeal court considers principles to be applied in the light of an earlier appeal court decision in the other province.
Apr 29	St Mary the Virgin, Chislet	Canterbury	Walker	Headstone in churchyard. Whether grave encroached on another one where there was no memorial. Finding that it did not. Faculty granted.

May 15	St Catherine, Drayton	Bath & Wells	Briden	New ringing floor and access door. Opponent alleges inappropriate use of PCC funds. Grade I church. Principles to be applied. Faculty granted.
May 21	St Nicholas, Pevensey	Chichester	Hill	Exhumation of casket containing cremated remains. Petition by widower. Opposed by son. Faculty sought because Petitioner now living elsewhere and difficult to visit grave. Blagdon principles. Petition dismissed.
May 22	St Anne, Chasetown	Lichfield	Shand	Provision of IT Centre in Grade II church. Faculty granted.
June 30	Re: Mary Wood	Sheffield	McClellan	Exhumation. Blagdon appeal decision to be followed in so far as it differed from Christchurch Alsager. Family moving to Scotland. No ground for exhumation and re-interment there. Petition dismissed.
July 16	St John the Baptist, Tidebrook	Chichester	Hill	Removal of front pews in nave. Objection in a letter from a parishioner of no merit. Faculty granted.
July 16	St Giles, Horsted Keynes	Chichester	Hill	Aumbry. Opposition by former churchwarden. Decision on written representations. Importance of complying with requirements as to public notice. Relevance of traditions of parish. Faculty granted.
July 30	St Andrew, Yetminster	Salisbury	Wiggs	New ringing chamber in tower involving breaking through medieval stonework to provide access steps. Listed church Bishopsgate questions. Faculty granted.

Aug 5	Bromley Hill Cemetery, Re: DGLISH	Rochester	Goodman	Exhumation. Purchase of plot for burial of members of family. After first death, plot found to be unsuitable because of presence of tree stump and roots. Alternative plot offered with one person already buried there. Accepted by Petitioner due to pressure with imminent burial. Later local authority offers suitable family plot. Faculty granted.
Aug 8	St Edward the Confessor, Barnsley	Wakefield	Collier	Installation of clock on tower. Objections re noise the chimes would make. Faculty granted.
Aug 9	St Peter, Walworth	Southwark	George	Conversion of crypt of church for community area. Church architect was Sir John Soane. Amenity Societies divided. Bishopsgate questions answered. Faculty granted
Aug 18	St Richard, Haywards Hth	Chichester	Clark	Removal of pews from back of church following temporary removal under archdeacon's licence. Grade II church. Faculty granted.
Sep 1	St Mark & St Margaret, Plumstead	Southwark	George	Relocation of memorials in church. Objections over-ruled. Faculty granted.
Sep 2	St John the Baptist, Halifax	Wakefield	Collier	Sale of books. Application of Tredington principles. Faculty granted.
Sep 6	St Michael & All Angels, Barnes	Southwark	George	Demolition of part of boundary wall of churchyard of Grade II listed church. Bishopsgate questions. Faculty granted.
Sep 13	St Mary Magdalene & St Denys, Midhurst	Chichester	Hill	Replacement of doors, removal of screen, new kitchen and toilet, disabled access. Listed church. Bishopsgate questions. Faculty granted.

Sep 14	St Swithun, East Grinstead	Chichester	Hill	Nave platform necessitating removal of front pews. Faculty granted.
Sep 18	Keynsham Cemetery	Bath & Wells	Briden	Lowering tombstones. Topple tester showed many memorials were unstable. Principles to be applied. Potential liability in damages of owner of memorial, stonemason/undertaker, proprietor of cemetery. Work already carried out so Confirmatory Faculty required. Faculty granted.
Oct 7	St Peter & St Paul, Dorchester	Oxford	Bursell	New entrance to Grade I church. Concern by Victorian Society. Application of Disablement Disability Act 1995. Bishopsgate principles. Meaning of “necessity”. Faculty granted.
Oct 25	Lambeth Cemetery & South London Crematorium Re: Keenan & O’Sullivan	Southwark	George	Three petitions for exhumation. Application of Blagdon principles. Faculty granted in two cases but not in one.
Nov 13	St Nicholas, Porton	Salisbury	Briden	Sale of two 17 th century stools. Application of Tredington principles. Faculty granted.
Nov 19	St Nicholas Churchyard, Sevenoaks Re: Locock	Rochester	Goodman	Exhumation. Family anxious to obtain tissue from body to carry out DNA test for comparison to ascertain who the deceased’s mother was. Public interest in application. Petition dismissed.
Nov 25	All Saints, Gainsborough	Lincoln	Collier	Re-ordering of Grade I church. Stepped dais for nave altar and flexible use of area concerned. Loss of some pews and adverse effect on church. Bishopsgate questions. Faculty granted.

Nov 27	St James, Louth	Lincoln	Collier	Sale of Elizabethan flagon. Proceeds needed to pay for replacement heating system. Tredington principles. Faculty granted.
Dec 4	All Saints, Hordle	Winchester	Clark	New hall in churchyard. Strong feeling in parish. Grade II Church. Issues relating to consultation and also availability and use of funds. Weight to be attributed to view of local community. Faculty granted.
Dec 8	St Mary, Gomersal	Wakefield	Collier	Creation of community centre at west end of church. Grade II church. Faculty granted subject to conditions.
Dec 29	St James, Braithwell Churchyard	Sheffield	McClellan	White marble headstone in churchyard in shape of open book with photograph of deceased. Principles to be applied Significance of Diocesan Churchyard Regulations. Faculty granted.