

## **St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

### **INFORMATION FROM THE PCC CONCERNING THE PLANNING OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CHURCH**

#### **BULLETIN No. 1**

We are pleased to be able to bring you up to date on the project to provide additional facilities for our church.

We asked the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) to give us an objective comparative evaluation of the two existing and contrasting plans:

- Option A the new plans for a small extension with some of the facilities within the existing church building
- Option B, the old plans that included a meeting room and all facilities in an extension.

They considered this request at their July meeting. Here is an extract from their minutes concerning our request:

"Concerning the options submitted to the committee, the DAC agreed that it could not recommend the large parish hall outlined in option B. This is because it was considered that the scale was inappropriate for the site, and made poor use of the existing church envelope given that it could house some of the desired functions more than adequately.

It was agreed that the committee would continue to recommend the small WC extension proposed in option A, and seen by the delegation that visited in 2013."

Also, given the differences between the original and new plans, the PCC has taken the advice of the Oxford Diocesan Registrar and the Charity Commission regarding donations given for the new Facilities section of St Mary 2000 under the older Option B scheme. Donors have been contacted about the latest plans and offered their money back if they felt unable to continue to support the new scheme. Money has been returned to those who replied saying that they did not feel able to give their support to the amended plan.

As a result of the responses from these bodies we now feel able to carry forward our ideas for the future and we also undertake to provide regular information bulletins to all those of you who contribute so much to life of the church in this village.

Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in the project as it takes shape or would like to know more about the plans that we are currently considering.

Revd. John Waller  
Rector

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