



St Thomas News

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May Worship

May 3rd, 10:00 am
Holy Communion
4th Sunday after Easter
*Readings: Acts 4:5-12;
1 John 3:16-24; John
10:11-18*

May 10th, 9:00 am
Holy Communion
5th Sunday after Easter
10:30 All age Service
Theme Joshua
*Readings: Acts 8:26-40;
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-
8; Joshua 1:1-9*

May 17th, 10:00 am
Holy Communion
6th Sunday after Easter
*Readings: Acts 10:44-48;
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17*

May 24th, 10:00 am
Holy Communion
7th Sunday after Easter
*Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 21-
26; 1 John 5:9-13; John
17:6-19*

May 31st, 10:00 am
Holy Communion
Pentecost
*Readings: Acts 2:1-21;
John 15:26-27; John 16:4-
15*

Building Project

Gerald Barrett sent the following email to Philip with a simplified scheme for the chapel with reduced costs, as reported to the Annual Meeting: I have given further thought to the dividing-off of the Chapel area. Based on recent experience at another church I think it should be possible to reduce the cost to around £45,000.00.

The arrangement of the partitions would remain as shown on the drawing no 790/302. They would be made of a joinery quality softwood which would be stained to match the other woodwork in the vicinity. The glass would provide a degree of acoustic insulation, sufficient to reduce sound transmission to a level where voices could just be heard but should not create a disturbance elsewhere in the building.

The floor would remain at its present level. A portable ramp would have to be provided for wheelchair users when required. I have included a sum of money for a new carpet up to the line of the step at the east end. I have also included a provisional amount of £5,000.00 for electrical works which might include improved lighting and perhaps some additional electric heaters.

I have not allowed anything for loose furniture at this stage as I guessed you may have sufficient items available to fit out the room.

Thus, the overall cost would be of the order of:-

A)	Building works	£45,000.00
B)	Professional fee	<u>5,625.00</u>
		50,625.00
C)	VAT at 15%	7,600.00
		£58,225.00

Results of the Elections at the Church's Annual Meeting

Churchwardens are Gary Newnham and Kathy Collis.

Deanery Synod members are Chris Okolo and John Walker.

PCC members are Olive Coker, Sue D'Silva, Comfort Efobi, Don Ferguson, Dot Ferguson, Pennie Ley, Jenny Murphy, Kay Roberts, Barbara Walker.

With Philip, Peter and Carol this brings the membership of the PCC to 16. The first meeting of the new PCC is Monday 11th May is at 7.45pm for 8 pm

What's On

May 9th 10:00-11:00am Councillors surgery **May 14th** Christian Resources Exhibition

May 14th Mothers Union
Speaker Hilary Shallis

Parent and Toddlers 9.45am every Monday

Tiddlywinks 9.30am every Wednesday

Line Dancing 9.45am - 10.45am every Tuesday

Music group 7.30pm every Friday

Beavers 5.15pm - 6.30pm every Wednesday

Rainbows Tuesdays 4.30 - 5.30pm

Cubs Mondays 6.30 - 7.45pm

Brownies Meets Tuesdays 5.45 - 7.15pm

Guides Meets Thursdays 7.30 - 8.45pm

Financial Position for the year Jan-Dec 2008

Don reported to the annual meeting that there was a surplus of over £9,000 for the year, part of which was due to part of the balance of the Becontree West being transferred to St Thomas. This will enable us to pay back the amount owing to the CBF account we have at Chelmsford, as we borrowed from this account to purchase new gas heaters. Copies of the annual accounts are on the notice board or copies are available from Don.

Quiz Night

This raised the phenomenal sum of £601.70 for the church fund-raising. Thank you to Barbara and Jenny and all who helped prepare the evening, and to Rob and Karen Chesney who hosted the evening with support from Adele and Richard.

Those to be confirmed at All Saints Woodford Wells:

Lisa Clark, Corina Kemp, Claire Nott, Stacey Talbot, Debbie Young, Ellie Young, Maddie Young



Please Pray!

Please pray for

- The services and preparations for the Pentecost service
- For the Debt Counselling Project –for a prayer team and volunteers to join a team for the project, which will open later on this year.
- For the building project

Recently Bereaved

Please pray for those who mourn the death of:

Edna Brien
Brian Eyles
Eric Perry
Eva Moody