



***The Benefice of Bosworth and Sheepy
With Carlton, Shackerstone and Nailstone***

Think Tank Meeting – 29th October 2009

MINUTES

Present: Amanda Pike ("AP") Neil Jones ("NJ") Alison Thorp ("AT") Sheila Stinson ("SS")	Apologies: John Plant ("JP") Adrian Holdstock ("AH") Bill Sharp ("BS") Richard Jones ("RJ") Sally Wollaston ("SW")
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1.	<p>Finance</p> <p>NJ presented statistics given at the last treasurers meeting (contact NJ if you would like to see these). At the next Sheepy PCC meeting, he proposes to suggest that the group stops pooling the parish share across the group. He has written to JH & RJ regarding this.</p> <p>NJ also advised that he was hoping the 13 churches would now be working more as a group than individual churches. Aside from improved communication, this does not appear to be happening. He suggested that we take the question of "How do we get the churches to stand up and take responsibility for the benefice fund?" to the wardens as well as the treasurers, as they also have responsibility for the church and its congregation.</p> <p>NJ suggests that we endeavour to reduce the admin fund. His first suggestion is that the pew leaflet is stopped as a cut. If churches want this information they can produce and fund it locally. SS advised that pew leaflets were to be discussed at the forthcoming wardens meeting.</p>	<p>NJ to provide update</p> <p>NJ to provide update</p> <p>SS to provide update from the wardens meeting</p>
2.	<p>Pastoral measure</p> <p>JP not present to report</p>	
3.	<p>Synod Representation</p> <p>JP not present to report</p>	

4.	<p>Benefice strategy update</p> <p>3.1 – Re-establish pew leaflets (SS) This has been done. A questionnaire has been issued to all wardens to establish the effectiveness of pew leaflets across the 13 churches. Results to be collated and presented at the wardens meeting.</p> <p>6.1 – Establish regular meetings of all treasurers (NJ) These are taking place. NJ advised that the meetings are valuable and does not see this as a CSF, as they will not be coming to an end.</p>	SS to provide update from the wardens meeting
5.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Lent Courses NJ queried what is being done about Lent Courses for next year. Last year these were taken around the churches and were lay lead. He suggested that this course includes other faiths. To be discussed at the wardens meeting and any involvement from members will be encouraged.</p> <p>Fees AP queried if we need to increase occasional office fees for next year. AP, NJ, JA & RH to arrange finance meeting and put this on the agenda</p>	<p>NJ & AP to provide feedback from wardens meeting</p> <p>NJ & AP to arrange finance meeting</p>
6.	<p>Next meeting: 10am Thursday, 26th November at the Rectory, Market Bosworth</p>	