

CASE NOTES

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Re Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hambleton

Derby Consistory Court: Bullimore Ch, November 2008

Re-ordering – font – position

A faculty was granted for the re-ordering of the interior of an unlisted building to include a new heating system, disabled access, the re-positioning of the font, removal of some pews and the installation of a small kitchen unit for tea-making. The petitioners had originally petitioned for the division of the interior of the building by means of a sliding screen but this part of the petition had been withdrawn after discussions with objectors. The chancellor was satisfied, notwithstanding complaints to the contrary, that the publication of public notices and the opportunities afforded by the Faculty Jurisdiction were sufficient to allow complaints to be heard. The faculty to re-position the font at the front of the church was granted, notwithstanding the provision of Canon F1 that the font should be as close as conveniently possible to the principal entrance and on the basis that, as baptisms generally happen during public worship, the new position was more convenient for the congregation. [WA]

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Re St Mary, Atherstone

Coventry Consistory Court: Gage Ch, November 2008

Re-ordering – conservation – heating – funding

The heating system of this Grade II* listed building had failed, rendering it impossible to hold services during winter months. The petitioners sought a faculty for the installation of a new system, along with other conservation works, major interior works and the installation of a wheelchair lift, kitchen and lavatory. The project would cost in the region of £3 million and would enable the division of the interior of the building to provide a number of component rooms for use by community organisations. The church is of