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All agreed that present sidespeople do a fantastic job in welcoming people at the door. It was felt that it would also help to establish a welcome team who supplemented the duties of the present sidespeople in escorting people to seats, introducing them to other people, watching out for them at the end of the service, getting a coffee for them, getting contact details, etc. Meeting to be held for those interested in joining this team and present sidespeople.

A leaflet explaining our children's provision and other things would be useful for newcomers.

Church weekend – Bishop Graham Dow and his wife Molly are booked as our speakers for the weekend 18th-20th February 2011.

Noticeboard – several variations of the design were considered and one was agreed. This to be progressed subject to suitable quote and planning permissions.

Insurance recommendations - electrical circuit and PAT testing have been completed in church. Various recommendations/repairs need to be followed up. We also need a certificate for the lightning conductor test and agreed to this being done.

Insurance renewal - the possibility of reducing our cover to 75% of the rebuilding costs (with a reduced premium) was discussed. We decided to keep the cover at 100% but to look at increasing the excess to £100 or £250 (which will also lower the premium).

Family / Youth / Children's worker - PCC was agreed that we wanted to progress this. Cost could be £20,000 pa and would need a 20% rise in finance. We also would need to produce a contract of employment with suitable procedures. To be discussed further at next meeting as main agenda item.



COMMUNION

If you would like to receive gluten-free wafers or non-alcoholic wine during communion, please speak to a sidesperson or indicate to those serving bread and wine.

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HOLY TRINITY

STALYBRIDGE

Sunday 4th July 2010

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10.30am Communion and
Young Church

7.00pm Road to Maturity Course

Monday 5th July

9.15am Family Forum

1.30pm Play Group St Matthews

Wednesday 7th July

2.00pm Art Group

7.30pm Youth Group

Thursday 8th July

2.00pm Ladies' Guild

8.00pm Worship Group

Friday 9th July

9.30am Jo Jingles

10.00am Bible Study

1.00pm Carers' Group

7.30pm Street Pastors'
Commissioning Service

Next Sun 11th July

10.30am Communion Service
and Young Church

STREET PASTORS' COMMISSIONING SERVICE



A team of 14 Street Pastors drawn from several local churches have been training since January and prayer walking around the town centre for the last month.

They will begin their work in uniform on the streets from this **Friday 9th July** and there will be a **Commissioning Service** for them that evening at **7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church**. We will be praying for them as they begin this strategic work on behalf of us all. Please join us for the service and show them your support.

WELCOME TEAM

Are you interested in welcoming new people to the church, making them feel at home and getting to know them better? Then we need your help!

We are looking to establish a Welcome Team to supplement the excellent work of our sidespeople on a Sunday morning.

If you would like to be part of this, existing sidespeople and others are invited to join us for a meeting in St Matthews tomorrow, 5th July at 7.30pm.



UNSTOPPABLE – THE 2010 NEW WINE SUMMER CONFERENCE



Here's a glimpse of some of what's in store for delegates at this year's Summer Conference. And if you've not booked yet, don't worry, there is still a chance to book and join us for what promises to be a memorable time.

We have a wide selection of seminars each day covering a vast array of subjects. These include: Gifts of The Spirit – When Family Life is Tough – Persecuted Church – Coping with Redundancy & Unemployment – Motivation for Mission – Extraordinary Women – Reaching Out to Muslims – Engaging the New Atheism - Discerning God's Call – The Effective Leader – Can We Trust The Bible? – How Should Christians Approach Science? – Helping Kids Encounter Jesus – Growing Evangelism in the Local Church – Walking Free From Life Controlling Issues – The Adventure of Marriage – Parenting – Prayer That Changes Everything – Revival in the Local Church – A Christian Approach to Human Rights Advocacy – Politics as a Mission Field, and many more.

With inspiring teaching, Spirit-filled worship, excellent children's groups, relaxation, fun and friendship, the New Wine Summer Conference is always an event where all can encounter God in a fresh way.

At the end of each day there's chance to chill out with friends, or simply sit and relax in one of the many cafés and enjoy our after-hours entertainment. Evening fringe artists include Adrian Plass, Rend Collective, Nick Battle, comedian Paul Karenza, Pete James, 29th Chapter, magician Steve Price, Gareth Davies-Jones, Tough Talk, Dweeb, Philippa Hanna and others.

**31 July - 6 August 2010, Newark & Nottinghamshire County
Showground, Newark**

JOTTINGS FROM PCC AWAY DAY ON 12TH JUNE

Everybody welcome - we spent the morning looking at DVD clips from this course which posed questions about how we appear to outsiders. We considered the appearance of our building outside and inside, how people are welcomed, the quality of their worship experience, what happens at the end of the service, how they are followed up and how we encourage them to become members.

Several issues arose:

Can we try to get maps / sat navs updated to give better directions in the area?

Could we get some signage at the back of church indicating who we are? Also possibly of sign at the side directing to the main entrance? Could we improve the appearance of the side and front walls which are loose in places with missing stones and the broken tarmac at the side which grows weeds.

Porch area is dark and uninviting. Agreed to look at ways of improving lighting and painting walls as well as considering replacing inner doors, pews and carpet.

A fantastic job has been done in painting the side chapel and south aisle. Now the rest of the interior of church needs repainting. Quotes to be obtained.

Funerals and weddings have many visitors but often few from the church family. Could we establish a team to be present at these events?

It would also be good to connect a recently married couple with those who are soon to be married and involve them in early meetings with Tom discussing arrangements.

The balcony is still an eyesore and needs to be cleared of rubbish with clear areas for storage of different materials.

Would the bookstall be better located in the lounge area?

We need to purchase some chairs with arms for church for those who have difficulty getting up.

There is often a queue for refreshments. Could we use the second hatch into church and speed things up in any way? Could we also have a jug of juice available for children?

We should make large print service books available for the partially sighted and produce some A4 notice sheets for them. Also look at the practicality of producing the words of the songs in large print.

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