

PCC May 2021

## Concerning new boilers for the church

At the last PCC meeting it was reported

- that the current boiler is on its last legs, and may not keep going another winter
- that a specification for new boiler(s) had been drawn up, quotes obtained and a very reasonable quote from Joules had been received, but with prices of parts going up rapidly that quotation will not remain for too long. Steve Hobson believes this is a good quote from a good company, from people he knows and has worked with before
- that a grant application towards this and the clock, windows and lych-gates is being processed but whether or not it will be successful, will not be known until the autumn in all probability
- that there is the Hayter bequest – money that can be used for a capital project – though it was not clear what the exact wording of the bequest was.

There was concern that – if money is being sought from a grant –then the work should not be started until the grant is approved (which would delay any work on the boilers until the autumn or later). Such a delay would mean that the current quote would no longer be valid and might well be £20,000 more ..

Today Steve Hobson and I met with the engineer and the prospective firm who would do the heating.

We enquired about whether there is a more “green” option – air-source, heat-source, phot-voltaic etc but this is not an option unless we also were to go for under-floor heating through the church which would be an enormous expense and we do not know what we might find when the floor is lifted.

However new boilers could, in due course be connected through to an underfloor system. New boilers will probably last 15 to 20 years, not the 60 that the current boiler has managed.

**We propose, in light of the discussions that we accept the offer from Joules and press ahead with the new boilers.** We understand that this would require a List B Faculty- like for like – which should be granted quickly. The work would then be done this summer and the church would have secure heating for the autumn.

**We propose that a List B Faculty is sought for this work.**

**We propose that the money to pay for this new set of boilers should come from the Hayter Trust Fund,** which is money left to St Anne’s by the Hayter Family in memory of Violet Hayter, and which can be used for a major capital project. We propose that a plaque acknowledging this bequest is put up in the main porch where it will be visible to all on arrival.

**We propose that the Grant Application continue** but focusing primarily on the windows (including the stonework round the Tower Window which is in very poor repair and has been flagged up on our Quinquennial), the lych-gates and the clock. These are three substantial areas where repairs are now needed, which are very visual and outward facing and about how the church looks and they are all part of the grant application. We would however meet the cost of the heating from “church” funds which could hopefully be put as our contribution to the future of the church.

The PCC is asked to consider this set of proposals and to vote at the meeting

*Peter Reiss – May 12<sup>th</sup> 2021*