

CASE NOTES

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Re St Benedict, Cambridge

Ely Consistory Court: Gage Ch, August 2009

Sound system – speakers

A faculty was granted for the installation of a new sound system, including the installation of narrow speakers on the pillars of the church, attached by fixings in the mortar of the pillars. The DAC did not recommend the proposed works; the committee has a standard and consistent policy of recommending that speakers be set higher up than was here proposed, to minimise visual impact. The chancellor attended the church for a demonstration of the proposed system and the current system, which made use of higher level, less visually obvious speakers, and concluded that the proposed system produced a distinctly greater quality of sound. [WA]

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Re Alconbury cum Weston Parish Church

Ely Consistory Court: Gage Ch, August 2009

Chancel stalls

The petitioners sought to dispose of a set of nineteenth century stalls, designed by Ewan Christian, from the chancel of the parish church. The stalls had already been removed from the chancel and stored under the authority of an archdeacon's temporary licence. The congregation of the parish church had recently combined for worship with the congregation of the Methodist Church, prompting a review of worship and use of the space in the church. The Victorian Society did not become a party opponent, but asked that its objection be taken into consideration. The chancellor concluded that whilst the chancel itself was of exceptional quality the stalls were not. He further concluded that it was unlikely that