

had been imposed at the cemetery where his remains were buried. The petitioners had initially chosen the burial site because it allowed them unrestricted access to their son's grave and they had gained huge comfort from the daily visits that they could no longer enjoy. The restrictions imposed had completely nullified the reasons for the petitioners' original choice of burial site. [RA]

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### **Re All Saints, Ockham**

Guildford Consistory Court: Jordan Ch, January 2009

*Extension – matters left to discretion of petitioners*

The churchwardens and incumbent sought a faculty for the building of a small extension to the Grade I listed church to house a vestry and disabled WC. The Georgian Group objected strongly to the proposal. The Church Buildings Council and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings offered a number of alternative proposals for consideration. The chancellor stated that it was not the function of the chancellor to make detailed aesthetic decisions about what are essentially matters of architectural detail, especially where the decision is the subject of widely differing views by professional bodies who hold legitimate views that cannot be classified as perverse or irrational. He held that, in such circumstances, the chancellor might properly regard some decisions as within the range of decisions that the petitioners might determine, assisted by professional advisers whose good faith cannot be challenged. In granting the faculty, the chancellor left a number of such details to the discretion of the petitioners, including the exact height of the extension, the manner in which the extension would be supported and the manner of rainwater disposal. [RA]

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### **Re Great Malvern Priory**

Worcester Consistory Court: Mynors Ch, February 2009

*Bells – party opponent*

The petitioners sought to replace the bell frame in the tower of the Grade I listed church, re-hang the existing ring of eight bells and install two new bells. English Heritage objected to the proposal and asked to appear as judge's witness at the hearing. The chancellor ruled that, as they had formally objected, they could not