

of any disturbed remains, the retention of some displaced memorial masonry and the retention of any displaced earth within the churchyard. The second part of the petition was for the replacement of the floor in the east end of the nave of church with a broad wooden raised platform and for the consequential removal of a small number of pews. There were no parties opponent, but objections were received, largely from those with views about more radical future plans being formulated by the petitioners. The chancellor only commented on the petition before him, which he found to be of limited scope, largely reversible and necessary. A faculty was granted for both parts of the petition. [WA]

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Re Great Malvern Priory

Worcester Consistory Court: Mynors Ch, October 2009

Chairs – choice

The incumbent and PCC sought to replace the chairs in the nave of the priory. There was no objection to the disposal of the existing chairs, which had come to the end of their useful life, nor to the principle of replacement. However, there was considerable discussion between the petitioners, DAC, amenity societies and the chancellor on the design of the new chairs. The petitioners preferred a chair with a back upholstered in crimson-coloured fabric, whilst others preferred a chair with a plain wooden back for aesthetic reasons. The petition was amended several times. A compromise was sought and found and a faculty granted for the introduction of chairs upholstered in a more acceptable colour. [WA]

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Re Grimsby and Cleethorpes Cemeteries

Lincoln Consistory Court: Bishop Ch, October 2009

Testing of memorials – diocesan guidelines

The chancellor refused a petition by the local authority for permission to carry out the physical testing of memorials in the consecrated parts of the cemeteries. Despite purporting to do so, the proposed regime failed to comply with diocesan guidelines for such testing. The chancellor invited the petitioner to discuss any future proposals with the registrar before submitting any future petition. [RA]

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