

Trinity News 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Friends

At the General Church meeting we were discussing two key issues that will affect the church life. Although these are church council decisions, we wanted to get the feeling of the people of the church before making that decision.

**Timing of the morning service**

This has been discussed on numerous occasions whilst I have been here and now has been raised again. Currently the morning service is at 10.00am. and it has suggested the service should be at 10.30am. The reason for 10.00am has partly been to do with parking in the town. Parking is getting worse and since we have reopened people are struggling to park at 9.45 and by 10.30 there is very little parking left. Also, with a 10.00am service it does give the minister the opportunity to do 2 services in one morning should the need arise – this has been very valuable for services for special occasions e.g. Easter Day.

**National Lottery Heritage Funding**

As we begin to think about the development of the building we are going to need to apply for funding from many channels. One of the large grants that can be applied for is from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. We wondered how people felt about this, whether they would agree to it. It is the way that many theatres and buildings survive and also I notice that Ickworth House repairs we partly funded by this fund, we all enjoy using these facilities. Using money from these funds maybe a concern to some members, perhaps to those who voted against raffles on church premises, but it is a fund that is supporting many good concerns.

Please can I ask you to prayerfully consider both of these issues and send your response either by email or post to your senior church stewards Don Day and Linda Brandon by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

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God bless

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