

compelling reason for granting permission to appeal and it had not been taken into account. [DW]

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Re Lambeth Cemetery

Southwark Consistory Court: Petchey Ch, 14 May 2020

[2020] ECC Swk 3

Exhumation – re-interment in same grave

The petitioner sought a faculty for the temporary exhumation of the ashes of two family members from a family plot, to permit the burial of a further family member who had not wished to be cremated. The ashes would be re-interred in the same grave on the same day.

The court questioned whether the exceptionality test for exhumation set out in *re Blagdon Cemetery* was appropriate in circumstances where the proposal would ensure that the exhumed remains would be returned to the same grave. In any event, the circumstances were appropriate ones in which to make an exception, and a faculty would be issued. [DW]

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Re St Helen, Worcester

Worcester Consistory Court: Mynors Ch, 18 May 2020

[2020] ECC Wor 2

Development – new doorway replacing window

This Grade II* listed building had returned to church and community use in 2002, having last functioned as a place of worship in 1938. The petitioners sought a faculty for new level flooring with step-free access from outside, new lighting throughout and the removal of existing facilities, with the installation of a new kitchen and servery in the base of the tower, and toilet facilities on the site of an existing boiler house. These proposals were uncontroversial.

The petitioners also wished to open up a new church entrance onto the High Street with a full-height glazed door and decorative screen, in place of the existing nineteenth-century south window on the east façade. While accepting the principle of inserting a door in that location, the Victorian Society—with some support from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings—objected to the total loss of the existing window and urged that