

appropriate pastorally to observe a two-year moratorium on use of the plot.
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Re St Wilfrid, Grappenhall

Chester Consistory Court: Turner Ch, 18 February 2015

Reservation of grave space – PCC policy

Two parishioners with strong local links sought the reservation of a grave space for 30 years in a churchyard which was likely to be full within somewhere between 10 and 25 years. Their petition caused the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to review its position on the reservation of grave spaces within the churchyard, in light of which the PCC adopted a policy of non-reservation. The chancellor considered that exceptional circumstances must exist before a departure from the PCC policy could be granted. This was the case even where, as here, no issue of fairness arose from the consideration of others who might have acted in accordance with the policy. The adoption of the non-reservation policy by the PCC was reasonable and no question of personal hostility arose. The faculty was refused. [RA]

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Re St Nicholas, Addlethorpe

Lincoln Consistory Court: Bishop Ch, 20 February 2015

Roof replacement – harm to listed building

The chancellor refused a faculty to authorise the re-roofing of the fifteenth-century porch of a grade II* listed church using plain tiles. The porch roof had been covered in lead from the time of its construction but the lead had been stolen and the roof had been provided with a temporary covering for the past six years. The Parochial Church Council favoured tiles rather than lead or terne-coated steel (TCS) on the grounds that lead would be likely to be stolen again and that TCS, once weathered so that it had the appearance of lead, would still attract thieves, who might then steal the lead flashings even if they did not take the TCS. The difference in cost between TCS and tiles was insignificant. The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) did not recommend the proposal to use tiles. There was no example known to the DAC of plain tiles being used on a church before the Reformation. A tiled roof, as opposed to a TCS roof which, once weathered, would have the appearance of lead, would