

ST MARY'S CHURCH, NERCWYS

Do we need a Toilet and Kitchen in our Church?

ON SUNDAY 17TH JULY AT 12.15P.M.

there will be a **PUBLIC MEETING** held in St Mary's, to discuss the issue. In society today most of our public buildings are equipped with basic facilities. Many of our churches, including St Mary's, were built when this wasn't the case, at a time when ordinary homes didn't have indoor toilets or running water. Times have changed!

Today, we wouldn't dream of buying a property which didn't have these basic amenities and so it isn't surprising that many of the people who use our church ask where the toilet is, and, if some-one isn't feeling well, expect us to be able to produce a drink of water. If we installed a kitchen and toilet it would not only provide for the needs of our visitors, it would also be much easier to provide for social events in church, to serve drinks after services, and it would make a huge difference to the families who attend our Family Services.

Earlier this year the Church Council asked the Diocesan Experts to come to look around our church building and give us advice on how we might include these facilities in our church. They came up with three possibilities:

1. We could adapt the vestry, putting a toilet and kitchen into that space.
2. We could build an extension onto the church so that the door from the vestry led into a kitchen and toilet area, instead of leading outside into the churchyard.
3. We could adapt the Bier House to provide a toilet, but this wouldn't provide us with a kitchen.

Please note: we do not intend to take pews out or undertake any huge re-ordering scheme. We simply wish to give the church the facilities that will bring it into the 21st Century.

However, before we go any further with our plans we need to know what you – the members of our church and community think about this. Would you like to see these facilities in church, or is this something that you would object to?

We would be delighted to see you on 17th July, at 12.15 p.m. and to hear your views. Alternatively, submissions in writing can be brought to Church or sent to our P.C.C. Secretary: Mr Ken Bickerton, 1 Tan y Rhos, Ffordd y Pentre, Nercwys. Please ensure that written submissions reach us by 10th July. Thank you.

Rev'd Carole Poolman. Priest in Charge