

Mark's Musings

When our Church was built in 1927 (85 years ago), needs and expectations around the availability of easily accessible toilets were very different to today. People must have been happy to take a walk. Times have changed and so have our community standards. Pretty much every Sunday and certainly at every Wedding, Funeral or Baptism we host, someone asks **'where are the toilets please?'** We send them across the car park with instructions.

I am hoping that we might resolve this situation in 2012. Our Admin & Property Cluster met on Wednesday night to hear a progress report on the concept design for toilets to be built in the Tower Room - a redundant storage space off the main Church foyer which is significantly under-utilised. St John's Church member and architect, Sergey Pochevskiy has come up with a design plan which, very creatively, would give us two cubicles in that space. We have now asked for an indicative costing from a builder so Church Council will be in a position to make a well informed choice about this long-hoped for development - and determine the best way forward. When we are ready with good information, our Council will be able to show us the way forward.

Pastoral Cluster met on Thursday and began planning for a Pastoral Care Training day after Church on Sunday 17 June. Our Stewardship Renewal Team met on Thursday night to fine tune our plans, discussion groups and the publications which will inform and challenge us all during Lent.

The year is certainly in full swing - and it feels good to be working for God on important initiatives. I covet your prayer support to underpin all that we attempt in Christ's name.

Have a blessed week and be thankful for every day.

Mark