

The Future of St Richard's

Previous reports have signalled the PCC's intention to proceed with the closure of St Richard's. A number of helpful points were made at the public meeting and these informed a meeting on 1 December, attended by the architect and the insurers. This meeting date coincided with the end of the formal consultation period, but no responses had been received by that date. With much regret, it is the policy of the PCC that the church should be closed. However, this is likely to take some time to achieve, so it is hoped to put the church into a state whereby it can be used periodically for small meetings of either a religious or a secular nature. In other words, the church will not be left to rot away, but redundant material inside will be progressively removed. Prior to seeking a buyer, or moving to dispose of the site, a further consultation may be conducted to consider possible alternative uses of the building and the site. All of the foregoing will be driven by financial viability, but I will be pleased to receive views via letter to the Rectory, St Thomas's St Winchelsea TN36 4EB, or e-mail to revdjonathan@btinternet.com.