St Edmund's Catholic Church

Parish Finance and Fabric Committee
REPORT Update on Installation Presbytery Wood Stoves - April 2025

Background

Under the 2025 expenditures, members approved the inclusion of a new wood stove for the presbytery. The project included installing a stainless steel flexible liner in an existing chimney stack. This work will contribute towards use of renewable energy sources, enabling diversity of energy type that is not reliant on fossil fuels. It is in line with the parish and diocese aims of meeting responsibilities in regard to climate change. After consulting multiple stove and flue companies, it was found that significant savings could be achieved by extending the work to include the rear lounge. Quotations for the work and different wood stove options were obtained and details of the preferred quotation were circulated to members in February for approval.

Discussion

A Parish Project Approval Form (PPAF) was submitted to the Diocese in early March asking for approval to spend up to £9,500. A planning application was submitted to East Suffolk Council for listed building consent on 19 March. The planning process and decision should be complete by 7 May. Approval for expenditure has not yet been received from the Diocese.

It is hoped that work can begin before the end of May 2025.

Financial Implications

- Contractor:
  East Coast Flues. Cost for dining room & lounge stoves and installation £8,765

Budget Implications

The 2025 revenue budget does not contain this project. As the wood stoves represent a long-term investment, the cost will be covered by capital reserves within the parish account with the diocese at the time of project completion.

Recommendation

Members are requested to note this updated information.

Neil Mayhew (Treasurer)