

Lee Abbey Church Weekend

June 3rd-5th 2011

February 3rd 2010

Dear PCC member,

On February 1st, a group met at the Vicarage to begin to co-ordinate the planning of our Church Weekend next year. We will be beginning this month to encourage people to think about coming. It involves a lot of thought and organisation and I am so pleased to say that Joyce Lewis has agreed to do a lot of the detailed business of handling bookings and organising the accommodation.

As we discussed the weekend, it became apparent that there are concerns that the £130 per person cost is going to put off people who would otherwise like to come – we were thinking particularly of families with young children and also older members of the congregation struggling on a pension and those who have been made unemployed.

I would like to make sure that no-one is barred from coming because of cost.

I am convinced that this weekend is going to be such a great blessing to both individuals and the whole church community. I see it as a vital stepping stone in the way we continue to grow closer together as followers of Jesus Christ and as a church family.

All of you who have been on previous weekends away will know how beneficial they are in building up trust, building up community and a sense that we know and understand each other more.

One of the reasons we are going to Lee Abbey is because of the link that Mary Lee had with the community there over many, many years. A number of people in the congregation have benefited hugely from visits, where they have come away physically refreshed and spiritually revived.

With this special link in mind, and because the organising group believe that Mary Lee would have approved heartily, we would like to propose that her 'spiritual' fund is used to subsidize the break at a rate of £50 per booking (amounting to £2,500).

Please consider this proposal prayerfully and with wisdom. And come to the PCC meeting prepared to share your feelings and thoughts honestly. I don't want a decision to be taken without your contribution being heard.

With all my thanks for your diligence in this matter,

Paul