

PEW SALE AT WHITBOURNE CHURCH

To facilitate plans to improve the layout and flexibility of the North Aisle of St John the Baptist in Whitbourne, the DCC have decided to sell 6 surplus pews and to replace them with up to 20 comfortable oak chairs.

This gives rise to **TWO** opportunities:

1. To buy high quality a Victorian pine pew
2. To sponsor a new chair and, if you wish, to make a personal dedication.

PEWS FOR SALE

There are six pews available for sale (two are already spoken for) at a price between £60 and £100 each according to quality and demand.

Pews are between 8ft and 8ft 6in long and are extremely solid and well made. They would be perfect in hallways, family rooms or children/games rooms. There minor flaws with some, but nothing worse than would be expected after a century of service! Examples are shown below:



Each pew has a small “For Sale” sticker on it and can be viewed in the Church.

SPONSOR A CHAIR

To enable the North Aisle to be laid out more in the style of a Lady Chapel and to be used more flexibly, 20 chairs will be bought. The style of chair is identical to that used successfully in Olly’s Friendship Room in Upper Sapey Church. They are comfortable and have proven to be a very popular choice. An example is shown below:



We already have sponsorship promises for up to 15 chairs, so there remains the opportunity to sponsor each of the remaining 5. The cost per chair will be £100 to ensure conformity of specification.

As this is perfect opportunity to make a memorial, the DCC recognise that a sponsor may wish to affix a brass dedication plaque to their chair.

WHAT NEXT?

The DCC want to move ahead on this project and the **offer remains open until 31 July**, when it is hoped that all the pews will have been sold and we have commitments for all the chairs.

If you want to discuss either of these opportunities, please contact either:

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Both will be able to discuss options and set out in more detail the reasons for the planned changes.