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Ruth

The missing date is 1 April 1998.

Regards

Michael

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Pinfold, Michael  
**Sent:** 29 October 2002 20:13  
**To:** 'RuthFerg10186@aol.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Narrowgate Church

Ruth

Thanks for this and your subsequent email.

I refer to our telcon this afternoon and think that the question which you should pose should be along the following lines -

"Please provide documentary evidence of the current owners of the freehold title of Narrowgate Community Church by supplying to us a copy of the conveyance and /or other title document in favour of the current owners; a recent search at HM Land Registry has revealed that the Church does not have a registered title [It therefore follows that there has not been either a transfer for value in the past 28 years (Birkenhead became an area of compulsory registration on 1 March 1974) or a transfer not for value since 199(\*) which was the date from which all dealings became the subject of compulsory registration failing which the transferee would not obtain good title.]

\* I need to check the precise date tomorrow.

You may think that the sentence in square brackets as unnecessary as giving too much away

Regards

Michael

-----Original Message-----

**From:** RuthFerg10186@aol.com [mailto:RuthFerg10186@aol.com]  
**Sent:** 21 October 2002 23:10  
**To:** Michael.pinfold@dla.com  
**Subject:** Narrowgate Church

D ear Michael

We would be grateful if you would write to a Rev Bruce Hunter at Elim Headquarters - regarding agreed independence of the Narrowgate Community Church, Milner Street, Birkenhead from the Wirral Christian Centre - asking him if he has in his possession the trust/title deed for this property.

The Church building was supposedly handed over to Paul Epton (pastor of Wirral Christian Centre) about 12-14 years ago and he and another person became the trustees. We would like to establish if the transfer of the property was properly executed and if the document that is presumed to have been given to headquarters by Paul Epton is a legal document rather than a draft. We have reason to believe that the original transfer was not properly completed. Also, at the time of transfer, Paul Epton promised (verbally) that the building would continue to be used as a church. The wife of one of the original trustees is still alive and would be able to vouch for

this intention. Paul Epton is currently trying to put an inflated price on the building (£20-25000) and has persuaded Smith's the estate agent to alter their original estimate (which he arranged) which was £12-13000 to the above figure on the grounds that the land would fetch that price for redevelopment (but no-one is buying houses in the North End). If we can prove that he doesn't legally own the building, then I presume it is still in the hands of the original trustees who can then give it to whoever they wish.

As you can imagine, the situation is quite delicate at the moment and I would go so far as to say that we are dealing with a clerical equivalent of Dr Shipman.

I look forward to your reply.

Ruth Ferguson (as joint treasurer for the Narrowgate)

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