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Dear Ms Hart

**Re: Health & Safety in Church Towers**

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a new service available to Ecclesiastical policy holders through our subsidiary company The Churches Purchasing Scheme (CPS).

As you are all aware, health and safety in church towers has become something of an issue following the tragic fatality that occurred at St Mary's in Mildenhall (reported in the Church Times 5 September 2008) and with the coroner's ruling in relation to the incident at Patcham in November 2008.

These incidents highlight the need for churches to review access arrangements to any areas above ground level, including towers, and ensure all work at height can be undertaken safely.

In order to support churches with this process CPS have secured the services of New Edge Telecommunications Ltd (NET). NET can survey and assess existing tower access arrangements, and where appropriate, supply and install replacement safe access equipment.

NET have been working with the Church of England on a national level facilitating the installation of telecommunications equipment into C of E establishments for a number of years, throughout which, they have built up an enviable reputation and strong working relationships with parishes and their representative DAC's.

CPS have negotiated very competitive rates for this service on behalf of their customers (up to 50% savings based on recent price comparisons) and I would appreciate your support in helping raise awareness of this service, as well as the health and safety risk services such as work at height risk assessments, available through Ecclesiastical Risk Services, to those that may be responsible for health and safety within their parish.

Should you have any questions then please call CPS on 01452 383080 where they would be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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