

We offer guidance and advice on the day-to-day maintenance of your church and on how to go about making changes to your building.

If you're interested in the support available to help church in rural areas, we also recommending visiting the [Arthur Rank Centre](#).

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1. Accessibility

Churches have a responsibility to make sure that, as far as is reasonably possible, their buildings and activities are accessible to everyone. We can help you understand the Equality Act and what it means for your church.

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**Alterations and extensions**

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A successful alteration or extension to a church can be a great enhancement to parish life. We can help you follow a proper process and avoid pitfalls.

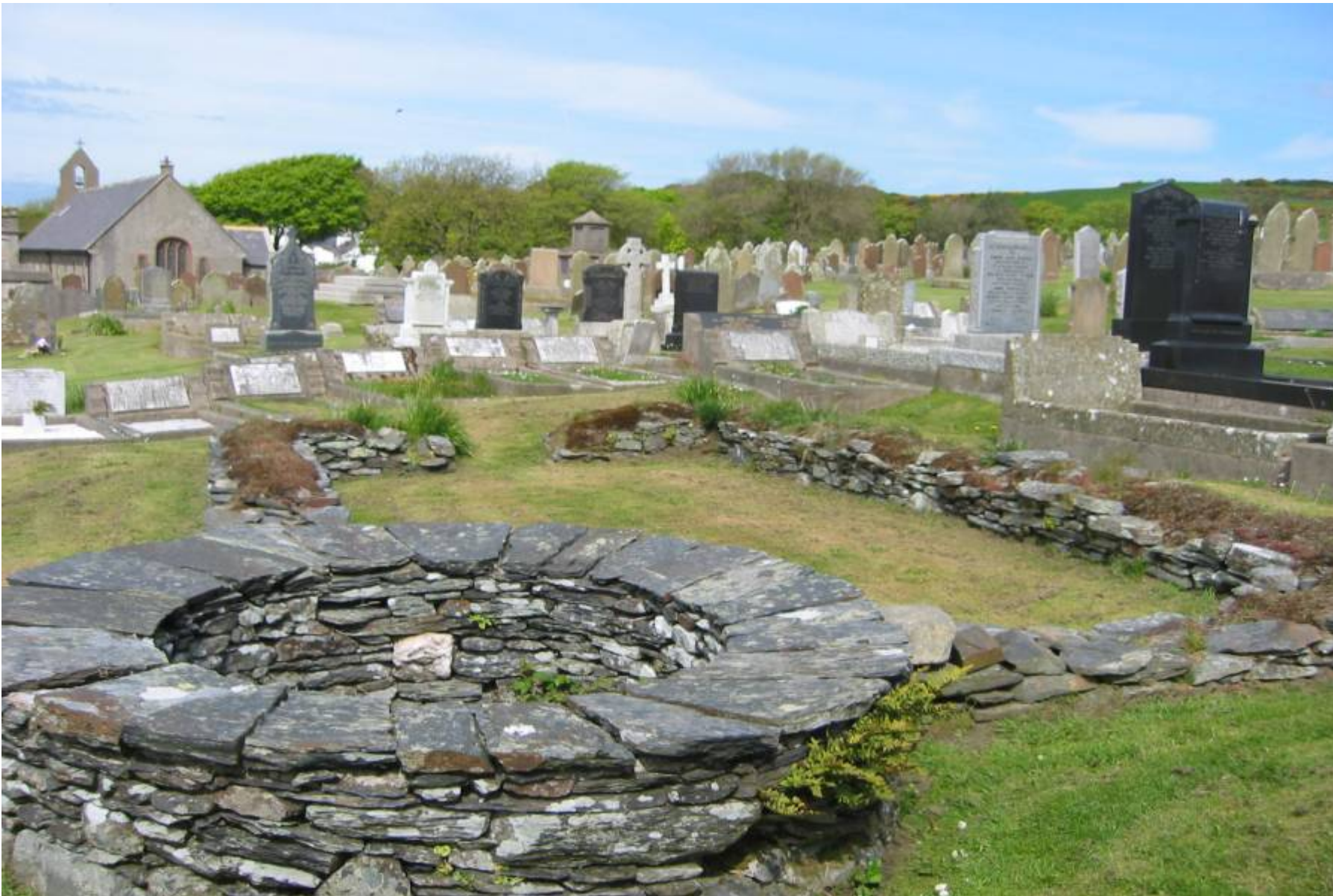


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## Anti-social behaviour in churchyards and church premises

Find helpful advice on how to deal with anti-social behaviour in churchyards and Church Premises



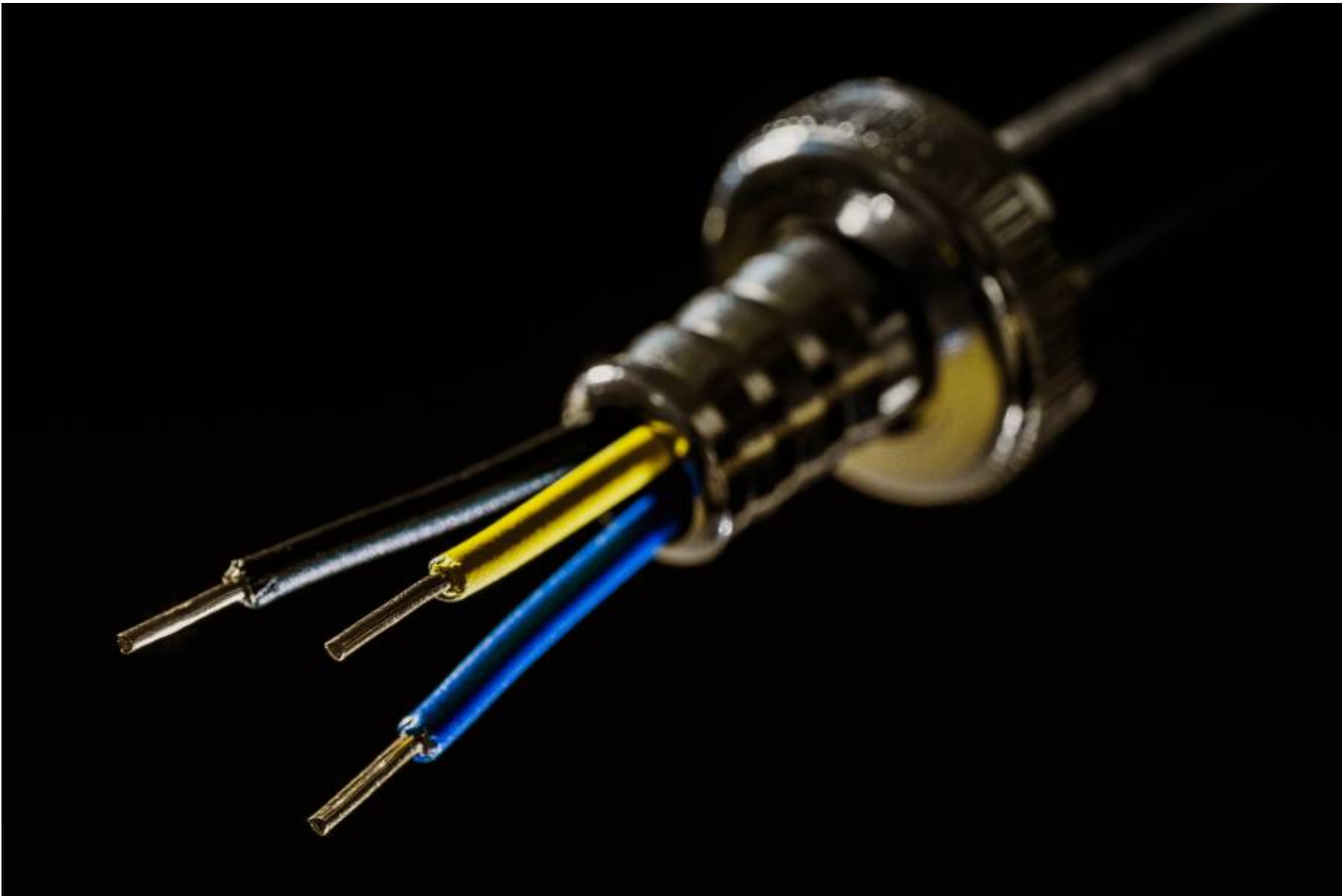
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## Archaeology

You should always look at the impact on archaeology when you want to do repairs or make changes to your building. We can help you choose the right level of archaeological recording for your project, and sort out what permissions you might need.

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**Audio visual and electrical wiring**

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Looking to use audio visual equipment as part of your regular services? We can help you choose the one that is right for you and understand how to keep all your electrical systems and equipment safe to use.



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**Bats in churches**

Bats are a vital part of our native wildlife and part of God’s creation. However, in large numbers, and in the wrong places, they can sometimes restrict our mission and worship. We can help you plan your building works, and the daily use of your church building, around bats.



**Bells and bell ringing**

Church bells are the most historic sound many of us ever hear. We can help you make sure your church bells keep ringing for a long time into the future.



**Biodiversity**

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Plants and animals are essential for sustaining the ecosystems that give us food, fuel, health and wealth. As Christians we are called to care for our God-given creation. Churches and their churchyards are an important part of the diverse natural habitat of England. We can help you care for and promote yours.

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## Books and manuscripts

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Your church may own collections of historic books including old Bibles and prayer books, as well as more general works forming part of a parish (parochial) library.

We can help you identify the signs of damage to historic books and manuscripts and understand the causes of damage.

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### Building maintenance and repair

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Just as prevention is always better than cure, maintenance is preferable to major repairs. But, such repairs may not always be avoidable. We can help you understand the common problems and areas that need your special attention, and give you tips for regular maintenance schemes.

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