

The Archbishops' Council was established in 1999. The Council is a charity, set up in law to co-ordinate, promote, aid and further the work and mission of the Church of England. It does this by providing national support to the Church in dioceses and locally, working closely with the House of Bishops and other bodies of the Church. The Archbishops' Council is one of the seven National Church Institutions.

Our objectives

The Archbishops' Council has nine objectives.

Evangelism

To bring more of the people of England to the faith of Christ through the Church of England

Discipleship

To strengthen the Christian faith and life of all who worship God in the Church of England

Ministry

To ensure there are sufficient ordained and lay ministers of the required gifts and qualities who are effectively deployed to enable the Church of England to fulfil its mission, and to support those ministers in their calling, development, ministry and retirement

Common good

To contribute to transforming our society and communities more closely to reflect the Kingdom of God through loving acts of neighbourliness and service to all

Education

To promote high-quality Christian education in Church of England schools and voluntary education settings, and through our Church contribution to other schools, colleges, further and higher education institutions

Resources for the Church

To help dioceses and cathedrals to be most effective in their mission, by providing cost-effective national and specialist services and advice

Safeguarding

To ensure all children and vulnerable adults are safe in the Church

Governance

To operate the national governance arrangements of the Church of England as cost-effectively as possible in pursuit of the Church's mission

A Church for all people

To be a Church that can provide a home for all people in England

The Archbishops' Council Objectives for 2017-2020

Our work

The Council and its staff achieve these objectives in a number of ways. Our work can either be indirect or direct and largely falls under seven types of activity:

- Legislate, regulate and deregulate matters (directly or through General Synod)
- Distribute money
- Provide national services to dioceses, parishes, cathedrals, schools etc.
- Provide consultancy services
- Campaign and engage publicly
- Enable the Church to govern itself
- Engage people directly, especially through digital means

The work of the Council over the past year is described in more detail in its [annual report](#) which includes a list of grants to [dioceses](#) and [other institutions](#) awarded by the Council, and is debated by the General Synod each year.

Archbishops' Council Members

The work of the Archbishops' Council is governed by the Council itself, a board of trustees comprising:

Joint Presidents

The Most Rev and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Rev and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury

The Rev Canon Simon Butler

Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of York

The Rev Chris Newlands

Chair of the House of Laity

Canon Dr Jamie Harrison

Vice-Chair of the House of Laity

Canon Elizabeth Paver

Elected by the House of Bishops

The Rt Rev Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

The Rt Rev Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham

Elected by the House of Clergy

The Rev Dr Ian Paul

The Rev Tim Goode

Elected by the House of Laity

Dr Rachel Jepson

Mr James Cary

Church Estates Commissioner

Loretta Minghella, First Church Estates Commissioner

Appointed by the Archbishops

Mr John Spence

Mrs Maureen Cole

Mr Mark Sheard

Mr Matthew Frost

The Rev Charlotte Cook

Mr Joseph Diwakar

Administrative Secretary

Jenny Jacobs

Staff

Here is a guide to the departments, committees, councils and staff who work together to support the Archbishops' Council's Objectives.

Secretary General

William Nye

Evangelism and Discipleship

Director: Dave Male

Renewal and Reform

Director: Debbie Clinton

Setting God's People Free

Programme Director: Dr Nick Shepherd

Central Secretariat

Including the General Synod, Bishops' meetings, governance meetings of the Archbishops' Council, Safeguarding, Liturgical Commission, Dioceses Commission and the Council for Christian Unity

Director: Dr Jacqui Philips

Mission and Public Affairs

Including the Mission and Public Affairs Council, Healthcare Chaplaincy and the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns

Director: The Rev Dr Malcolm Brown

Cathedral & Church Buildings

Including the Church Buildings Council and the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England

Director: Becky Clark

Education

Including the National Society and the Foundation

Director: The Rev Nigel Genders

Ministry

Including the Ministry Council and the Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme

Director: The Rt Rev Chris Goldsmith

Human Resources

Including the Remuneration and Common Services Committee and the Council for Ministry of and among Deaf and Disabled People

Director of People and Change: Christine Hewitt-Dyer

Legal Office

Including the General Synod

Director: Alexander McGregor

Communications

Including Church House Publishing and the Digital Team

Director: Mark Arena

[Back to top](#)

Prayer for the Day

Monday, 2 August 2021

Your browser does not support the audio element.

Eternal light, shine into our hearts,
eternal goodness, deliver us from evil,
eternal power, be our support,
eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
eternal pity, have mercy upon us;
that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek your face and be brought
by your infinite mercy to your holy presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Alcuin of York (804)

Share on  

Source URL: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/archbishops-council>