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We organise several events throughout the year and this page is to allow for these papers to be available to a wider audience



Building Performance (2nd October 2014)

Churches are complex buildings which support a vast range of activities; from worship, education and community support, to tourism and the display of museum-quality collections. This imposes great technical demands and at times conservation may conflict with use.

Building performance assessment is a critical tool to successful management, bringing together information not only about the fabric and the microclimate, but also about the services (especially the heating), and current and future uses. By understanding how a building is performing, day-to-day management can be more effective, care and conservation can be more sustainable, and the risks and running costs of alterations minimised.

ChurchCare ran a conference in October 2014 bringing together a range of experts, to explore the assessment of building performance and the control of internal microclimates. The focus of the conference was on the complex case of cathedrals, but its results are also of interest to those working with environmental problems in greater churches, smaller parish churches, and other types of historic buildings.

Below are the various sessions, together with speakers' presentations and additional resources. A more detailed outline of the day is available [here](#)

Building Performance in Use: the great unknown?

Dr Bill Bordass (Usable Buildings Trust)

[PDF Presentation](#)

Finding Out How Your Building is Performing: an introduction

Dr Robyn Pender (English Heritage)

[PDF Presentation](#)

A Little and Often: maximising life expectancy of building fabric and reducing long term costs

Graham Abrey (Ingram Consultancy Limited)

[PDF Presentation](#)

Building Conservation and Environment: commissioning useful research and understanding practical results

Tobit Curteis (Tobit Curteis Associates)

[PDF Presentation](#)

Exeter Cathedral: working collaboratively to understand the root causes of fabric decay

Camilla Finlay (Acanthus Clews Architects)

[PDF Presentation](#)

Winchester Cathedral: planning, commissioning and using conservation consultants when managing major projects

Annabelle Boyes and Nick Cox (Winchester Cathedral | Nick Cox Architects) With introduction by The Very Revd James Atwell, Dean of Winchester

[PDF Presentation](#)

Durham Cathedral: exhibition and display in complex mediaeval spaces. Environmental and conservation strategies

Christopher Cotton (Purcell)

[PDF Presentation](#)

Conservation of Fabric and Collections in Cathedrals: environmental factors

Tobit Curteis (Tobit Curteis Associates)

[PDF Presentation](#)

Open Forum

Chaired by Jennie Page (Cathedrals Fabric Commission) with panel members from The Edge, SPAB, Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage

Further resources

[Building Environment \(Practical Building Conservation series, English Heritage\)](#)

[The Edge Debate](#)

[The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings \(SPAB Briefing: Energy Efficiency in Old Buildings\)](#)

[Building Science Corporation](#)

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Festival Churches: Mission and Community (25th March 2019)

The Association of Festival Churches held its third day conference at Sheffield cathedral on 25th March 2019.

The Chair Sir Tony Baldry introduced the speakers and led the discussions. Three presentations from that conference are accessible below and a summary of the conference is available [here](#).

- [Festival Churches: How to develop flexible buildings for vibrant congregations and communities](#) – Dr. Joseph Elders
- [Churches for everyone: the potential of Festival Churches to revitalise community life](#) – Wendy Coombe MBE
- [The Norwich Diocesan Churches Trust: reflections on the first three years](#) - The Venerable Steven Betts

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FAC Conference 2019

Liverpool Cathedral & Chester Cathedral (23-24 July 2019)

The biennial FAC Conference offered a chance for those involved in the care and conservation of cathedral buildings to meet together to discuss business under the Care of Cathedrals Measure, topics of common interest, and new developments, for example in legislation, funding and good practice. Each cathedral was encouraged to send their FAC Chair and Secretary (plus the Cathedral Administrator if they are not also the FAC Secretary) as this event was a valuable networking and professional development opportunity. Cathedral staff, cathedral architects and others with an interest in cathedral buildings and planning issues were also welcome. There were opportunities to share experiences and gain new perspectives with the host cathedrals of Liverpool and Chester. The 2019 conference included presentations on topics including Cathedrals and Pilgrimage, Visitor Engagement Planning, and Cathedral Events Policies, tours of both cathedrals, and a gala dinner in Liverpool Cathedral.

The conference programme is available [here](#) and the conference presentations are [here](#)

The next conference will be held in 2021

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DAC Conference 2019 (Blackburn)

Healthy churches transforming communities

The 2019 DAC conference with DMPCs helped us to stand back from some of the daily issues and to think more about why work with churches and church buildings matters – how a church building is part of delivering ministry and how it still stands a sign to the community that the church is there for them.

The full programme of the conference is available [here](#), and the DAC Conference Annual Report for 2019 is [here](#).

Selected papers from the conference are available to download below

- [Exeter rural churches project - Marian Carson](#)
- [Managing Projects in Churches: Insurance Implications - Leigh Ide](#)
- [Strategic Planning and Church Buildings - Dr Joe Elders, Peter Wagon](#)
- [Access in church buildings -Revd Bill Braviner](#)

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DAC and DEO Conference 2020 (Virtual)

The 2020 DAC and DEO conference, due to be held in Gloucester, became a virtual event for Diocesan Advisory Committee and Diocesan Environmental Officers. Many of the presentations were recorded, and these, along with supporting materials, are presented here

The full programme of the conference is available [here](#), and the minutes from the DAC Conference in 2019 is [here](#).

Videos and available presentations have been made available below

Tuesday, 8th Sept 2020

Matt Fulford - A Zero Carbon Church - St Michaels and All Angels Withington

[Presentation file](#)

Dave Bookless - opening thoughts and prayers

The Rt Revd Richard Cheetham, Bishop of Kingston - my environmental story.

DEO Open Mike session

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DAC Conference 2021 (Virtual)

The 2021 DAC conference, hosted by Gloucester, was a virtual event split over two days on the 28th and 29th September 2021 and was divided into the four themes below.

- The annual meeting and a presentation and discussion on Transforming Effectiveness
- A presentation from the Dean of the Arches on the faculty rules and net-zero, and presentations around the environment and adaptation
- An interview with the Director of Icon, a presentation on the Stoke Orchard wall paintings and some diocesan contributions
- Extended and wider use of churches and discussion over how to start a conversation with a church about its future.

The full programme is available [here](#), and the minutes for the 2020 Annual Meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Videos and available presentations have been made available below.

- [DAC Conference 2021 Church Building Management Partnerships Joseph Elders](#)
- [Church Building Management Partnerships Summary](#)
- [DAC Conference 2021 Ecological value of churchyards Harriet Carty](#)
- [DAC Conference 2021 Environment Agency Climate Change Liz Fowler](#)
- [DAC Conference 2021 Icon Accreditation Sara Crofts](#)
- [DAC Conference 2021 Project Blackjack Meg Blumson](#)
- [DAC Conference 2021 Stoke Orchard Wall paintings Mark Perry Adam Klups](#)

Adapting a medieval church building for 21st-century needs, Grappenhall, St Wilfrid

Masonry conservation workshop, Redbrook, St Saviour

Project Blackjack, Cirencester, St John the Baptist

Project Blackjack: Opening ceremony

Reordering Leckhampton, St Philip & St James

Working with the DAC: Bovey Tracy, St John the Evangelist

Wall painting conservation, Stoke Orchard, St James the Great

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