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Church for those who are battered and bruised by the storms of life

17/12/2021

Lighthouse is a fresh expression of church, specifically tailored to those who 'are battered and bruised by the storms of life'. Many of their community have



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'Give what you have in your hand to Jesus' – how is your church using its property?

02/12/2021

Paul Whitnall has met with hundreds of churches to help them think about how they can use their buildings missionally, creating a 'Church Informal Audit'. The



3.

Lessons from Egypt: how the church can build community and tackle the housing crisis

26/11/2021

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Housing, Church and Community seeks to enable churches to play their part in tackling the housing crisis. To do this, we're learning from those churches who are already doing this well. The work of the Most Revd Dr Mouneer Anis, the Bishop of Egypt, is world-



4.

'We're not a pressure group' – can churches broker progress on affordable housing?

16/11/2021

St Barnabas and Christ the Saviour started a successful campaign about affordable housing. The Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Housing, Church



5.

'God-given miracles' – how a house church became a church of houses

09/11/2021

Pye Green Christian Centre started out as a house-church in the 1990s. The house they were meeting in was empty, and this made them uncomfortable – it didn't feel like the best use of space. They found someone who needed a home, and they let them live there. While this didn't last long, a new mission for the



6.

'My home isn't my castle': the church who live together

17/02/2021

The Archbishops' Housing Commission is exploring a new attitude to housing which puts an emphasis on human flourishing and sociability, not just shelter. We believe that this is important for everyone, but it presents particular opportunities for people of faith who want to take it to the next level. We found out



7.

Knowledge is power: churches can train people about their housing rights

16/02/2021

One of the hardest things about the housing system is that it's confusing. Adeola Ogunade saw this first-hand working as a Housing Resettlement Officer with the probation service. She thought that she could do more to help people in this situation, so she got together a group of people – from her church and

ry, providing free training and support on housing issues.



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There's no silver bullet – one church's holistic approach to housing need

16/02/2021

The team at St Barnabas Church in Wigan hear all sorts of stories. In one of the most deprived parishes in the country, the bedroom tax isn't the only issue affecting the stability of people's homes. Unemployment is high in the area, and drug and alcohol abuse are common. St Barnabas felt compelled to act.



9.

New housemates: the Quakers who share their building with young people at risk of homelessness

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The Friends' Meeting House in Tunbridge Wells, where the Quakers met, was considerably larger than they needed. As the Quakers only needed half of their building, they realised that the other half could be used to provide a 'stepping stone' to independent living for young people who were moving on from



'The glue between different agencies' – how a church brought people together to address housing issues

16/02/2021

Although Stamford might appear very affluent, there is another side to the town. 'We have this beautiful looking church, full of posh, middle class people and then people who can't afford the electric or to put food on the table'. By addressing multiple issues – such as debt, mental health problems, addiction and relationship breakdown – St George's helps people to secure a stable home and provides a community where people can feel a sense of belonging.

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