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## ['A Call To Alms' from Hope into Action](#)

21/05/2020

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Housing, Church and Community believes that churches are well placed to respond to housing need in their local area. Right now, this is more important than ever. That's why we're supporting Hope into Action's 'Call to Alms'. They're asking church members and ministers to join a zoominar on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June to discuss how churches can play an active role in meeting the growing need for supported housing. To find out more, see a letter below from their founder, Ed Walker.

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## [A Christian Vision of Housing and Community](#)

25/11/2019

FEATURE / The theologian Stephen Backhouse writes about how the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Housing, Church and Community is seeking to express a distinctly Christian vision of housing and community.

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St Bride's was approached by Trafford Housing Trust about buying their land to provide a new community centre and housing. St Bride's got a new, more appropriate building, and it gave the community badly needed facilities.

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Revd Sophie Cowan suggests that, in exploring the ground between a "house" and a "home", we will enrich our vision of what might be achieved by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Housing, Church and Community.

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## [Almshouses for the twenty-first century?](#)

30/09/2020

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Housing, Church and Community is looking at various different ways in which churches can meet housing need. This week, Mark Bennet, Team Rector at Thatcham in Berkshire, explains why we should hold almshouses in a higher regard.

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## [Anyone who has two buildings should share with the one who has none](#)

21/01/2020

St Silas, Blackburn had a problem. Their church hall was falling into disrepair. At the same time, Nightsafe, a charity working with homeless

young people, had issues housing 16-18-year-olds together with their older clients, aged up to 25. Together, they had an opportunity:Â renovating the hall to create a home for six young people at risk of homelessness.

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## **Archbishop Justin: Britain's housing crisis is one of the major challenges facing this country**

09/04/2019

COMMENT / The Archbishop of Canterbury on the launch of a new Commission on Housing

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## **Breaking down the barriers to housing: churches preventing homelessness in Southampton**

21/08/2020

One of the biggest barriers to housing is the tenancy deposit. ChurchesÂ realised that for relatively little money they could help a lot of people at risk of homelessness, by setting up the Southampton Churches Rent Deposit Scheme.

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## **Building better communities and homes**

29/10/2019

COMMENT / Members of theÂ Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Housing, Church and Community joined other panellistsÂ at the Bristol Housing Festival for a panel discussion on the church's response to the housing crisis.

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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 experienced homelessness, addiction issues, poverty and mental health problems.

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