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from Norman Boakes
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As Christmas draws nearer, it is often an opportunity for archdeacons (unless they also are parish clergy) to relax a little and catch up on those things which have had to be put to one side because of other pressures. It may also offer a little time for relaxation with friends or family or even doing the things we like to do. This is always good for our own well-being and is also beneficial for our ministries. For full-time archdeacons there can also be the joy of looking after the Christmas services in a particular vacant benefice and seeing through the main services for the season in one place.

However you are spending the end of Advent and Christmas, I hope you have an opportunity to re-charge your batteries, and that you and those close to you have a very joyful celebration of the birth of Jesus.

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Archdeacons' Training Events

Transforming Church Conflict - a refresher for archdeacons – still places available

In response to requests from a number of archdeacons we have arranged a refresher on *Transforming Church Conflict* with Bridge Builders. This will build on and remind participants of work done in the Transforming Conflict course for senior church leaders.

The event will be at the Queens' Foundation Birmingham from Monday 19th to Tuesday 20th February 2018, starting on the Monday at 11.00 am and finishing with lunch on the Tuesday.

It will be led by Colin Moulds, Executive Director of Bridge Builders, and Jackie Searle, Archdeacon of Gloucester.

The cost will be £185 per person. To book, please contact Norman Boakes for a booking form.

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If you wish to come to this event, please book as soon as possible.

Archdeacons and the Clergy Discipline Measure

Because they were unable to attend earlier this year, several archdeacons have asked us to run this day again. In consequence we will be offering it on Wednesday 9th May 2018 from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm at Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH

The day will reflect on the role that the archdeacon may have in relation to CDM and use case studies as a way of exploring what can be most useful and what may be unhelpful in the process.

The day will be led again by Adrian Iles who is the CDM Designated Officer and the Ven Dr Peter Rouch who is Archdeacon of Bournemouth.

The cost will be £25 per person, including lunch. For a booking form, contact Norman at

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Church Buildings

From recent circulars from the Church Buildings Council

[Tailored review of the Heritage Lottery Fund and National Heritage Memorial Fund](#)

The Tailored Review of the NHMF and HLF is now published on the [government website](#). In the New Year the HLF will be consulting widely on its next strategic framework and I shall let you know when this consultation is launched.

Reading the Tailored Review in advance of this will help raise thoughts that will assist you when the consultation on the strategic framework is launched.

December 2017 will see the announcement first round of church grants of over £100,000 since the closure of GPOW. During 2018 we will be asking about the impact of the changes in HLF funding for churches. This is a reminder to look out for any impacts in your diocese and note what you see.

[More news from the HLF](#)

With immediate effect grants for Parks, Townscapes and Landscape Partnerships will need to apply to the main grant programmes.

- There will be no Heritage Grants over £5m in 2019. Applications which have already been submitted for major grants will be considered in April 2018 as usual, but no new applications in 2018.
- There will be no new awards of grants of over £100k from January to March 2019. Round two applications will be accepted as normal.
- Other funding streams – such as Young Roots and First World War Then and Now - continue, but some will draw to a close in 2018.

In order to help you and your teams plan for all these changes, [fuller information, including detailed deadlines is on the HLF website](#).

These changes reflect that the HLF has a far lower budget for the financial year 2018/19. As ever, please [contact your regional team](#) with specific questions about applications.

The **Home Officer** has published its [review of the Scrap Metal Dealers' Act 2013](#). The review has confirmed that the legislation will remain in place and shows that the headline figures across all types of metal theft are good.

It acknowledges the particular impact on churches and that there are ongoing problems here. I have already responded to the offer of engagement with the church that is in the report. You may hear more.

Grants deadlines for CBC grants

[Paintings and Wall paintings](#): next closing date 8 January 2018 for a March funding decision

[Fabric repairs](#): next closing date 15 January for a June funding decision:

Launch of [new small grants programme](#) for church repair

The Churches Conservation Foundation has opened its new small grants programme. Grants of **£250 - £2,000** are available for conservation work to the fabric and contents of historic listed churches, which would not normally be undertaken in the regular cycle of repair and maintenance. Examples include work to listed headstones and monuments, wall paintings, rood screens, fonts, carved stonework, stained glass and altar cloths. [More information here](#).

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Comings and Goings

The Ven Stuart Bain, Archdeacon of Sunderland, is to be Provost of Sunderland Minster. Stuart has been an archdeacon since 2002, served for many years on the Forum representing the North East, and also in his time served as Forum Chair. We shall miss his experience and wisdom enormously, and wish him well for this new challenge.

The Ven Paul Davies, formerly Archdeacon of Bangor and Anglesey, was collated as Archdeacon of Surrey on the 10th December.

Please pray for Stuart as he prepares for moving and his new role and for Paul as he adjusts to the Church of England! Please pray also for those responsible for filling the vacancies of Bangor & Anglesey, Bolton, Hereford and Sunderland.

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Courses and events

The following may be of interest:



London Lectures 2018, Winckworth Sherwood, Montague Close, London SE1 9BB (by Southwark Cathedral), **starting at 5.30pm**; refreshments available from 5pm. **These lectures are free of charge and open to members and non-members but spaces are limited so prior booking is essential.** <https://ecclawsoc.org.uk/events/>

- Wednesday 10 January – Philip Petchey, Chancellor of the Diocese of Southwark, on Faculty Cases from City Churches.
- Wednesday 7 March – David Frei, External and Legal Services Director of the United Synagogue and Registrar to the London Beth Din, on The Role of a Beth Din in Jewish Law.
- Tuesday 3 July – Baroness (Elizabeth) Berridge, co-chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on International Freedom of Religion or Belief, on Freedom of Religion or Belief.
- Wednesday 10 October – Dr Peter Smith, barrister of Lincoln's Inn and formerly Dean of Law at Exeter University, on Visitations.

DAY CONFERENCE - *Gospel and Law in Theological Education* - SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2018 10.30 am – 4.00 pm

The Ecclesiastical Law Society is holding its Day Conference at the St Bride Foundation, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 8EQ. Registration and refreshments from 9.45 am.

The Conference will focus on the core function of the Society, namely promoting education in ecclesiastical law. In particular, it will address the training of clergy and others in ecclesiastical law, and showcase best practice in selected topics. Speakers will include:

The Revd Dr Andrea Russell, Queen's Foundation Birmingham, who practised as a solicitor before ordination and has recently published her PhD on Richard Hooker. Andrea will outline the context for church law education in the wider setting of ordination training, and the need for clergy to be aware of the legal framework of their ministry.

Stephen Borton, Ecclesiastical Manager, Lee Bolton Monier-Williams

The Ven Simon Baker, Chair of the Ecclesiastical Law Society's Education Sub-committee and Archdeacon of Lichfield

Sue de Candole, Registrar of the Dioceses of Winchester and Salisbury

The cost is £55 to members of the Ecclesiastical Law Society (£95 non-members)

The details and booking can be made at: <https://ecclawsoc.org.uk/events/>

Lyndwood Lecture 2018 – Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch Kt DD FBA on Richard Hooker (1554-1600): Invention and Reinvention – Wednesday 7 November 2018.

ELS Residential Conference 2019 – to be held at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor from 5 to 7 April 2019 – Church and State in the Twenty-first Century: re-imagining Establishment for the post-Elizabethan age.

Leadership courses at Sarum College

Christian Approaches to Leadership in the Public Square

What is the potential impact of faith-based leadership on and within secular institutions at a time when religion is being marginalised and faith is often under attack?

Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th April 2018

Hadrian Cook, Tim Harle and Angela Tilby

Speakers:



For further enquires or bookings for these events, contact Alison Ogden aogden@sarum.ac.uk

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Office news

1. Quite a number of archdeacons have been asking me what has happened to our page and resources on the Church of England website. I am constantly assured that it will soon be posted. It was not part of the initial launch, and the need to sort out some of the parts which were not functioning well has delayed adding other information. It may even be on the website by the time you receive this. It is due to be in the MORE section, then part of *Diocesan Resources*, and I am told we will then find it in the menu on the left hand side.
2. Jackie finished working in Ministry Division on 30th November, and the support team have been kindly making sure I have all I need since then. It is very helpful to have the Archdeacons' Forum Administrator role as part of the job description of someone based at Church House, so they do the work flexibly and can field matters almost daily. The Administrator role will continue to form part of a main post, and the Forum Executive gave its agreement to this at their November meeting. I will let you know who the new person is as soon as the information can be shared.

Future Dates

2018

January 16th - 18th Midlands Archdeacons @ Launde Abbey

February 19th - 20th Transforming Church Conflict - a refresher for archdeacons
@ Queen's Foundation, Birmingham

February 22nd Welsh Archdeacons @ Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury

March 14th Archdeacons' Forum Executive @ Church House Westminster

April 17th North West Archdeacons @ Preston Minster

April 25th – 26th South East Archdeacons

April 26th South West Archdeacons @ Taunton

May 1st - 2nd Southern Archdeacons' @ Sarum College. Salisbury

May 3rd Welsh Archdeacons @ Provincial Offices, Cardiff
May 9th Archdeacons and the Clergy Discipline Measure @ Manchester Diocesan Office
June 18th - 20th York Province Archdeacons' Conference @ Crowne Plaza, Chester
July 18th Archdeacons' Forum Executive @ Church House Westminster
July 18th – 19th Welsh Archdeacons @ Llangasty Retreat House
September 13th North West Archdeacons @ Preston Minster
September 26th - 28th South West Archdeacons @ Tiverton Best Western Hotel
October 10th Welsh Archdeacons @ Provincial Offices, Cardiff
November 5th - 7th New Archdeacons' Conference @ Wilson Carlile Centre, Sheffield
November 19th - 20th Archdeacons' Forum Executive @ tbc
December 12th Welsh Archdeacons @ Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury

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January 28th - 30th National Archdeacons' Conference @ The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick
April 11th South West Archdeacons
September 25th - 27th South West Archdeacons

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January 25th - 27th National Archdeacons' Conference @ The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

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Just a thought...

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

Jesus, Bread of life,
sleeping in a feeding trough,
in Bethlehem.
House of Bread, that's what
your name means,
Bethlehem.
You did not know then
that you sheltered bread
which would be broken
to give life to all.

Jesus, Bread of Life,
living within us, as we
feed on you, we become

bread to nourish all around.
We must be taken, blessed,
broken and shared,
channels of the eternal
Love and Life of God.

Ann Lewin *Seasons of Grace* Canterbury Press Norwich 2011: 39

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