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from Norman Boakes
Archdeacons' National Executive Officer

After a gap of ten months, I am delighted to be able to inform you that we now have a new Archdeacons' Forum Administrator. Liz Brereton took up this role on 1st October as part of her duties within Ministry Division at Church House Westminster. It is very good to have her with us, but please give her a little while to get her head around all the different aspects of her new role.

All archdeacons and those who are part of the network should have received an invitation from Tim Barker, our Chair, to the National Conference at The Hayes Swanwick from Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th January 2019. The theme is **Dealers in Hope** and the speakers are Bishop Graham Tomlin, Professor Richard Bauckham, Canon Jessica Martin, Bishop Alison White, Gisela Kreglinger, Professor Francis Campbell. On the Tuesday afternoon, there will also be a meeting of the Archdeacons' Forum to consider our internal business, including adopting the new Constitution and deciding on how we find our future funding. If, for some reason, you did not receive an invitation, please let Liz Brereton know. liz.brereton@churchofengland.org

With all good wishes and prayers,

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A reminder – in this newsletter, if something has a purple heading and a black text, it is new material; if it has a black heading and grey text, it has been here before.

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Church Buildings – useful matters from recent CBC mailings

Cathedral & Church Buildings Grants Report 2017

The annual report on grants awarded by the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division is [now available](#). We awarded 158 grants to parishes from 33 dioceses, totalling £639,220.

£400,000 was awarded from the Wolfson Fabric Repairs grants programme. This continues to be a popular grants programme, providing awards of up to £10,000 to Anglican parish church projects. We are monitoring the effect of the withdrawal of the HLF GPOW scheme to see if there is a slowdown in fabric repair applications in 2018/19.

£239,220 was awarded to conservation projects, of which £35,000 was towards conservation reports. Half of the parishes who obtained grants for conservation reports in 2017 have subsequently applied and been successful in obtaining grants for the conservation works. This is proving to be a successful funding route for parishes.

We are aware of the low number of grants awarded to projects in the northern province. We would like to work with DACs in the northern province to look at how we can be more effective with grant aid from our programmes in these dioceses.

Places of Worship: Inspiring Ideas

Application materials are now available for the HLF's new Places of Worship resilience initiative are now available [on the HLF website](#). Information is at the top of the page (A new funding initiative for places of worship) and the documentation at the bottom. Expressions of interest must be received by 14 October. Please encourage expressions of interest from churches interested in exploring this area. It is a good opportunity to explore and share ideas which can help contribute to resilience. There is a [dedicated email address](#) for enquiries and submitting forms.

Cemeteries and groundwater

You may have been approached by a company warning that the Environment Agency now expects a risk assessment to be undertaken of cemeteries, to identify any risk of groundwater contamination.

Advice from our legal office in Church House is that there is no general requirement for those who manage **existing** burial grounds to carry out a groundwater risk assessment. A requirement to carry out such an assessment is likely to arise where a churchyard is being extended and an application is made for planning permission in respect of the new land. In such cases, a risk assessment will have been requested by the relevant statutory agency. It might also be required if the Environment Agency was taking action against a landowner for polluting ground water (which could arise if bodies were buried below or too close to the water table).

There is a recommendation from the Environment Agency that “all existing sites should have an appropriate risk assessment” but this does not seem to be a legal requirement. The guidance [here](#) states, “For individual burials that are spaced out over time, the risks to groundwater are likely to be low and the de minimis exclusion in EPR applies.” Further detail is given [here](#).

Churches can go green at no extra cost

The Parish Buying team has created an Energy Basket which allows churches and cathedrals to buy 100% green electricity for the same price as 'brown' energy. How? The Parish Buying team used the bulk buying power of the Church and worked with the Basket provider to allocate a proportion of their renewable supply to match the energy we need to buy for churches.

The electricity all comes from UK based renewable sources, with the majority sourced from solar panels. Whilst it only went green this year, the Energy Basket has been consistently providing significant savings to thousands of churches, making it the biggest energy buying scheme for churches in the country. Find out more [here](#).

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Clergy Well-being

The Clergy Wellbeing Group has issued a consultation paper – 'A Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing'. If you are not already aware of this, it is available at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/clergy-resources/national-clergy-hr/supporting-clergy-health-and-wellbeing/proposed-covenant>

Comments on this paper are welcome and can be sent to clergywellbeing@churchofengland.org by 31 December. Next year it is planned to engage with the Houses of Clergy and Laity in February and the Synod in July.

You may like to know that Pete Spiers, Archdeacon of Knowsley and Sefton, has been an active member of the Group but please do not send any responses directly to him.

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Comings and Goings

Several new Archdeacons in Wales recently took up their appointments at the end of September and one has been "translated". The Ven Michael Komor is now Archdeacon of Margam, the Ven Andy Grimwood is Archdeacon of St Asaph, the Ven Barry Wilson is Archdeacon of Montgomery and the Ven John Lomas has moved from St Asaph to Wrexham. We wish them all every blessing in their new appointments.

The Ven Paddy Benson retired as Archdeacon of Hereford at the end of August and Derek Chedzey was installed on 9th September. We will miss Paddy enormously from the Archdeacons' network and send our very best wishes for the next phase. We welcome Derek to his new role.

The Ven Christine Froude retired as Archdeacon of Malmesbury at the end of September. She has served as Archdeacon since 2011 and for many years has also been acting Archdeacon of Bristol. The South West Archdeacons will particularly miss her smile, her resilience and her wisdom.

The Ven Hayward Osborne, Archdeacon of Birmingham since 2001 also retired on 30th September after a long and distinguished ministry.

The Venerable Paul Hughes, Archdeacon of Bedford since 2003 has announced that he will retire on 31st December 2018.

Please pray for:

- Those who have recently taken up new appointments as Archdeacons:
Derek Chedzey, Mike Komor, Barry Wilson, Andy Grimwood,
- John Lomas as he changes Archdeaconries,

- Those moving onto new opportunities for ministry in retirement:
Paddy Benson, Christine Froude, Hayward Osborne,
- Paul Hughes as he prepares for retirement.

Please pray also for those responsible for filling the vacancies of Barking, Bedford, Chichester, Colchester, Cornwall, Germany and Northern Europe and the East, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, Malmesbury, Northumberland and Richmond and Craven.

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Consistory Court Case

The recent granting of a faculty for the substantial re-ordering at the Church of St Phillip and St James, Cheltenham has generated much comment, including some comments from the press which is not always well informed. The *Law and Religion UK* blog has posted a very useful resume of the judgment which you might find interesting if you have missed it.

Please follow link:

<http://www.lawandreligionuk.com/2018/09/04/balancing-mission-aesthetics-and-heritage-of-parish-churches-part-iii/#more-45687>

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Courses and events

The following may be of interest:



Bookings for all ELS events may be made at:

<https://ecclawsoc.org.uk/events/>

London Lectures 2018 are held at 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.

- Wednesday 10 October – Dr Peter Smith, barrister of Lincoln’s Inn and formerly Dean of Law at Exeter University, on *Visitations*.

Northern Province Lectures 2018 – 2019 are held at the offices of the Diocese of Leeds, 17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX, starting at 5.30pm. These lectures are free of charge and open to members and non-members, but spaces are limited so prior booking is essential.

- Thursday 11th October – Sir Philip Mawer on his Independent Reviewers Report on the See of Sheffield - at Wrigleys LLP, 19 Cookridge Street, Leeds LS2 3AG.
- Wednesday 6 February 2019 - Bishop Colin Buchanan on *The transferable vote: a hundred years of Anglican experience*
- May 2019 (date tbc) – Caroline Mockford, Registrar of the Diocese and of the Province of York, on *Closed Churchyards*.
- Tuesday 16 July 2019 – Bishop Nick Baines on *The Function of Ecclesiastical Law in Effective Parochial Ministry*.
- Wednesday 6 November 2019: Northern Province lecture – Charles George QC, Auditor of the Chancery Court of York, on *Do we still need the Faculty System?*

Lyndwood Lecture 2018 – Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch Kt DD FBA on Richard Hooker (1554-1600): Invention and Reinvention – Wednesday 7 November 2018 at 6.30pm at the Temple Church, Fleet Street, London EC4, preceded by Choral Evensong at 5.30pm.

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

Foremost in Representing the Laity: The Training of Churchwardens in today's Church

Either 24th October 2018: Minerva House, 5 Montague Close, London SE1 9DF

Or 14th March 2019: Manchester Diocesan Office, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH

Both dates: 10.30am-3.30pm

A Day Conference for all those responsible for encouraging, enabling and supporting the vocation and ministry of Churchwardens in today's church.

Cost £20.00 for ELS members: £25.00 for non-members. Lunch included.

Booking and information: <https://ecclawsoc.org.uk/education/>

Led by: Simon Baker, Archdeacon of Lichfield; Stuart Beake, former Archdeacon of Surrey; Norman Boakes, Archdeacons' National Executive Officer; Stephen Borton, Ecclesiastical Manager, Lee Bolton Monier-Williams; Mark Hill QC, Chancellor and Professor; Andrea Russell, Tutor at Queen's Foundation, Birmingham

A Range of topics around Churchwardens and the Law will be considered during the day, including:

- An ordered church and the ministry of Churchwardens
- The legal responsibilities of Churchwardens
- Resources for training Churchwardens in their responsibilities
- The evolving role of Churchwardens
- Implications of upcoming changes to law and regulation

Growing the Rural Church

Wednesday 31 October 2018, The Welcome Centre, Coventry, CV1 2HG.

A day conference exploring how rural churches can use their buildings creatively to support ministry and better serve their communities. Speakers include Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Ripon and the Revd Claire Maxim, CEO of Germinate: Arthur Rank Centre.

Workshops will explore a range of sustainable approaches to mission and ministry in rural churches. Bookings will open in May 2018: see www.exeter.anglican.org for details.

Leadership courses at Sarum College

Contact Alison Ogden for all booking enquiries
aogden@sarum.ac.uk 01722 424826



Reflective Practice

<http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/2019-reflective-practice/>

A methodological and hermeneutical study of how reflective practice can underpin and challenge an understanding of leadership. It will introduce students to contemporary models of reflective practice both in educational, theological and business worlds and encourage reflection on how these models inform and critique one another. There will be opportunities to practice a variety of methods so that students can select and design their own models to apply in their own work context.

Monday 21 January - Thursday 24 January 2019

Tutor: Tim Harle

Leading in a Second Chair

A chance to explore leadership challenges for those who do not appear at the top of an organisation. With a grounding in theology, we will use the latest insights from organisational studies to explore how leaders, both individually and in teams, can help themselves and their organisations thrive.

Tuesday 19th March 2019

Tutor: Tim Harle

Re-imagining Church in a Changing Culture

<http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/2019-re-imagining-church-in-a-changing-culture>

This module aims to go beyond such 'headlines' to equip students to understand and critique patterns of decline and growth which are characteristic of the church in the 21st century using both theological and sociological tools. The Church in the UK will be 'read' in the wider context of social, religious and cultural change and compared with the situation in Europe, America and the developing world. Both the challenges facing the contemporary church and the responses offered will be critically examined, with particular reference to patterns of community, mission and ministry.

Monday 1 April - Thursday 4 April 2019

Tutor: Colin Greene

Change and Conflict

<http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/2018-change-and-conflict>

This module critically examines theoretical and practical aspects of change through a number of disciplines, especially theology, ecclesiology, missiology, ecology, psychology and complexity theory. The various strands are brought together to provide a holistic view of the origins and potentially transforming role of conflict. Throughout the course, students will apply the concepts to their own situations to increase shared learning and to provide practical insights for their own practice.

Mon 17 June 2019, 2:00pm - Thu 20 June 2019, 1:00pm

Tutor: Tim Harle

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Archdeacons' Fresh Expressions Hub: 28-29 November 2018

The Fourth Annual Archdeacons' Fresh Expressions Hub 24 Hour Residential which starts and ends with lunch included on both days. Wednesday 28th November - Thursday 29th November at The Wilson Carlile Centre in Sheffield.

This is a gathering of Archdeacons to discuss openly the issues we encounter in developing new ecclesial communities and growing the mixed economy church. There are no experts; just a sharing of experiences and insights with good food and the opportunity to support one another in prayer. The cost of the residential is £115, plus the cost of an evening meal at a local restaurant. Places are limited to 12 and are already filling up, so early booking is strongly advised!

For more information about the Hub, contact Malcolm Chamberlain (Archdeacon of Sheffield & Rotherham) at malcolm.chamberlain@sheffield.anglican.org

For information about booking onto the residential, contact Susan at archdeacons.office@sheffield.anglican.org

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Future Dates

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October 10th Welsh Archdeacons @ Provincial Offices, Cardiff

November 5th – 7th New Archdeacons' Conference @ Wilson Carlile Centre, Sheffield

November 19th South East Archdeacons @ St Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, London

November 20th – 21st Archdeacons' Forum Executive @ Hinsley Hall, Leeds

December 12th Welsh Archdeacons @ Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury

2019

January 28th – 30th National Archdeacons' Conference @ The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick
Title: **Dealers in Hope**

Speakers so far: Bishop Graham Tomlin, Professor Richard Bauckham, Canon Jessica Martin, Bishop Alison White, Gisela Kreglinger, Professor Francis Campbell.

March 21st Eastern Archdeacons @ Ely

April 8th South West Archdeacons' @ Taunton

June 10th & 11th Southern Archdeacons @ Farnham Castle

September 17th – 19th New Archdeacons' Conference @ Hinsley Hall Leeds

September 21st – 24th Eastern Archdeacons' @ tba

October 3rd – 4th South West Archdeacons @ Tiverton Best Western Hotel

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

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Just a thought...

Every moment of each day I have the chance to choose between cynicism and joy. Every thought I have can be cynical or joyful. Every word I speak can be cynical or joyful. Every action can be cynical or joyful. Increasingly, I am aware of all these possible choices and increasingly I discover that every choice for joy in turn reveals more joy and offers more reason to make life a true celebration in the house of the Father.

Henri Nouwen *The Return of the Prodigal Son* DLT London 1994

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