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Prayer and worship are at the heart of our faith. We are made to glorify God; we find life through our relationship with God. Joining together in prayer and worship are at the heart of the nine days of prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost, as we reflect on the world in which we live, its many opportunities and challenges, and offer those to God in prayer. We do so conscious that the heart of prayer is being open to what God may be asking of us. As David Edwards once memorably wrote: "Prayer does not change God; prayer changes us".

As each of us keeps these nine days of prayer in so many different ways in our own context, we pray that we may be open to God's transforming love in our own lives.

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

Home Office funding for protective security – to protect from hate crime

The Government's Places of worship; security funding scheme has recently funded physical security infrastructure.

The Places of Worship Protective Security Scheme will open in July 2019. Applicants can register an interest [here](#).

The Home Secretary announced an uplift of funding for the next year of the Places of Worship Protective Security Fund to **£1.6 million**. The fund will provide financial support to places of worship for the purchase of physical protective security measures against hate crime.

Government are trying to make it easier for places of worship to apply, reducing the administrative burden by streamlining commercial requirements whilst widening the criteria so places no longer need to show they have already experienced hate crime. Their focus will be on helping those who are vulnerable to hate fuelled attacks. The [information about the scheme from 2018 is still available](#) and is a useful indicator of the type of thing the funding is for. The application process will change in 2019.

[Bats in Churches Partnership survey](#)

The Bats and Churches partnership is soon to start a survey of 1000 randomly selected churches in England. Selected churches will be asked if they will be prepared to receive a visit from a Bats in Churches volunteer, who will conduct the survey. This is a one-off survey which would take place between June and July, during the season when female bats gather in maternity roosts to raise their young, and thus when most evidence of bats can be seen. Some churches in your diocese will start to receive invitations to participate. If you have any questions about the survey please contact [Claire Boothby](#), Training and Survey Officer, Bats in Churches. For general questions about the project please use the [project email](#).

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Comings and Goings

Two new archdeacons have been appointed in the Diocese of Exeter. Prebendary Nick Shutt, who has been acting Archdeacon of Plymouth for over a year and served as Team Rector of the West Dartmoor Mission Community since 2008, is to be the next Archdeacon of Plymouth and will formally take on his role on 18th June. The next Archdeacon of Exeter, in succession to Christopher Futchter, will be Canon Andrew Beane, currently Team Rector of Aylsham and Rural Dean of Ingworth and Sparham in the Diocese of Norwich. He will take up his appointment on 25th September.

The Ven Michael Everitt, Archdeacon of Lancaster since 2011, is to be the next Canon Pastor of Durham Cathedral. He will be collated in September.

Canon Eileen Davies is to be the next Archdeacon of Cardigan, following the Ven Dr Will Strange when he retires this month. A working farmer herself, she has been the St David's Diocesan Adviser on Rural Affairs since 2005. She is also parish priest of Llanerchaeron, Ciliau Aeron, Dihewyd and Mydroilin.

The Revd Neil Warwick, currently Vicar of Earley in the Diocese of Oxford, is to be the next Archdeacon of Bristol. He will be collated in September.

The Revd Canon Philip Williams, currently Associate Archdeacon for Transition Ministry in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham is to be the next Archdeacon of Nottingham. he will be collated in July.

Two of our existing archdeacons have been appointed as suffragan bishops. Sarah Bullock, Archdeacon of York since 2013, is to be the next Bishop of Shrewsbury, and Joanna Grenfell, Archdeacon of Portsdown since 2013, is to be the next Bishop of Stepney. We send them our warmest congratulations and the assurance of our prayers. We will miss them both from the archdeacons' network. Sarah and Joanne are due to be consecrated at St Paul's Cathedral on the 3rd July.

The Ven Christopher Skilton, Archdeacon of Croydon since 2013, and previously Archdeacon of Lambeth from 2004, is to retire at the end of February 2020.

A number of new archdeacons have taken up their appointments this month. The Ven Luke Irvine-Capel was collated as Archdeacon of Chichester on 9th May. On the 12th May, the Ven Chris Burke was collated as Archdeacon of Barking, the Ven Ruth Patten as Archdeacon of Colchester and the Ven Jenny Tomlinson as Archdeacon of Birmingham. The Ven Peter Leonard was collated as Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight on the 18th May.

Please pray for:

- those who have just taken up their new roles as archdeacons: Luke Irvine-Capel, Ruth Patten, Jenny Tomlinson, Chris Burke and Peter Leonard;
- those recently appointed as Archdeacons as they prepare to say good bye to their current location and move into their new role: Nick Shutt, Andrew Beane, Eileen Davies, Neil Warwick, Philip Williams;
- those moving onto new opportunities for ministry, including those in retirement, and especially for Michael Everitt, Will Strange, Sarah Bullock, Joanne Grenfell and Christopher Skilton.

Please pray also for those responsible for filling the vacancies of Croydon, Dorking, Lancaster, Lichfield, Portsdown, Warwick (Archdeacon Missioner) and York.

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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 2019 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 3 July 2019 - Professor Norman Doe on *The Unifying effect of Christian Law for Ecumenism*

- Wednesday 18 September – Sir Philip Mawer on the role of the Independent Reviewer under the Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests (Resolution of Disputes Procedure) Regulations 2014.

Northern Province Lectures 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.

- 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?*

Day Conference Saturday 28 March 2020 Synodical Government: Fit for Purpose?

The conference, to be held at the Minerva House offices of Winckworth Sherwood, will mark the centenary of the entry into force of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919. Speakers will include Archbishop of York, Patron of the Society, the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, the Bishop of Willesden and the Ven Jane Steen, Archdeacon of Southwark. 10 am till 4 pm.

Leadership courses at Sarum College

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



Servant Leadership

<http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/servant-leadership>

Mon 10 June, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm led by Tim Harle, Richard Mann and James Woodward cost £60
 This day will explore the nature of servant leadership and invite participants to reflect upon the growth and well-being of the people and communities to which they belong.

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.
 Mon 17 June 2019, 2:00pm - Thu 20 June 2019, 1:00pm Tutor: Tim Harle

Christian Faith and Leadership

<http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/2019-christian-faith-and-leadership>

Mon 30 September, 2:00 pm to Thu 3 October, 2:00 pm led by Tim Harle
 The module explores and analyses ways in which theology and spirituality underpin and challenge an understanding of leadership within and outside faith-based contexts.

Working Together

<http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/2019-working-together/>

Mon 25 November, 2:00 pm to Thu 28 November, 1:00 pm
 This module encourages engagement with a hermeneutical approach grounded in the Holy Trinity, which is examined through a number of traditions.

Reflective Practice

<http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/2020-reflective-practice>

Mon 20 January 2020, 2:00 pm to Thu 23 January 2020, 2:00 pm

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 the 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 apply in their own work context.

Leadership and the Unconscious

<http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/2020-leadership-and-the-unconscious>

Mon 9 March 2020, 2:00 pm to Thu 12 March 2020, 2:00 pm

This module will use both theoretical presentations and experiential methods to introduce students to an understanding and working knowledge of unconscious processes, with special reference to their understanding of organizational life and their practice as leaders.

There will be an examination of how contemporary understandings of the unconscious have been understood within a religious and faith perspective. The module will provide understanding in the light of peer and staff feedback in case studies from students' own experience.

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Legal Resources on Ecclesiastical Law Society Website

The Society's legal resources pages provide links to useful materials, including statutes, canons, cases, books and guidance. At present, they focus on the law of the Church of England, but it is hoped to broaden this in the future. Subjects currently available are:

- Baptism
- Faculty Jurisdiction
- Liturgy
- Marriage

Subjects under development during 2019:

- Academic Study of Anglican Canon Law
- Burial & Cremation
- Clergy Discipline
- Ecumenical Relations
- Ministry
- Parish Vacancies
- Parochial Church Councils
- Parsonages

For access, go to: <https://ecclawsoc.org.uk/education/legal/>

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List B

Recently, I have become aware of some confusion in a few places over the archdeacon's role with List B applications. The decision rests entirely with the archdeacon. It is the archdeacon's decision as to which members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee they consult before making that decision, though in the

majority of cases the DAC Secretary often enables this on the archdeacon's behalf. The archdeacon may decide to consult several members of the DAC or, on rare occasions, all of them. The expectation is that the archdeacon will not normally consult the full DAC as List B matters should be dealt with expeditiously and proportionately to their significance.

The archdeacon also makes the decision as to whether to say "yes", "yes with conditions", or refer for a full faculty application. Obviously, every archdeacon should weigh carefully any advice received from the DAC members consulted, but the decision rests with the archdeacon. The archdeacon is not answerable to the DAC for how she or he handles List B matters, though obviously they are accountable to the Chancellor. The whole DAC should not normally be consulted, nor should there be any expectation that the archdeacon will report to the DAC as to what he or she has done. However, the archdeacon is free if she or he so chooses to give an occasional report to the DAC for information.

With the ability now to apply for a licence for temporary re-ordering on line, the same principles apply. The archdeacon may wish to consult member(s) of the DAC before making a decision. But this is again a matter for the archdeacon, as is the decision to grant the licence.

In all of this, good working relationships are crucial, and it is much better if archdeacons and DACs work in harmony and with mutual understanding. The purpose of this note is simply to ensure clarity over the archdeacon's role and where the boundaries lie.

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National Church Institutions

We all know that the Church of England is an unusual body and that its structures are not clear or centralised. Often people struggle to understand how the institution works and archdeacons occasionally ask about these matters, so they can explain them a little better to others. To assist in this an organisational chart is now available on the Church of England website under: "About > Leadership and Governance > [National Church Institutions](#)"

Do come back to me if anything is unclear.

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The Society for the Relief of Poor Clergy

Founded in 1788 as The Society for the Relief of Poor Pious Clergymen – Registered Charity number 232634

The Society for the Relief of Poor Clergy (SRPC) has funds to assist the following:

- Evangelical clergy of the Church of England, the Church in Wales, the Church of Ireland and the Scottish Episcopal Church.
- Evangelical accredited lay workers (those who have been nationally selected, trained and licensed for Anglican ministry, and Church Army officers who have been commissioned and hold the Bishop's licence)
- Widows and widowers of the above

Grants are made to help meet the following categories of need, and the Trustees have the discretionary power to consider other circumstances, but only where these are giving rise to exceptional hardship. The Society's resources are limited, and grants may therefore have to be refused even where the required conditions have been fulfilled:

- bereavement
- illness
- family support to enable young people to participate in a 'ministry experience' during a gap year before university.
- family support to enable children/young people of evangelical ministers to attend Christian camps, for their spiritual benefit and to develop leadership potential.
- other special needs (at the Committee's discretion).

Grants are not normally given for school fees, but may be given for special tuition, and for other costs associated with the expense of education, or towards travel expenses.

The Trustees meet in March, June and October to consider applications.

Trustees' meetings this year:

Tuesday 4th June 2019 (applications to be submitted by 17th May)

Tuesday, 5th November 2019 (applications to be submitted by 18th October)

Those interested are required to complete an application form, which should be returned to the Secretary, preferably by email. An application form and further information can be found on the web site.

Contact details for enquiries, information and applications:

E sec@srpc-aid.com

W <http://srpc-aid.com>

T 07975617689

SRPC, c/o CPAS, Unit 3, Sovereign Court 1, Sir William Lyons Road, University of Warwick Science Park, Coventry, CV4 7EZ

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Future Dates

2019

June 10th & 11th Southern Archdeacons @ Farnham Castle

June 17th West Midlands Archdeacons

July 18th – 19th Welsh Archdeacons @ tbc

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

September 23rd – 26th Eastern Archdeacons' @ tba

October 2nd South East Archdeacons @ Southwark Diocesan Office, off Borough High Street

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

October 9th Welsh Archdeacons @ Provincial Offices, Cardiff

October 31st North West Archdeacons

December 11th Welsh Archdeacons @ Lion Hotel Shrewsbury

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March 30th South West Archdeacons @ Taunton

June 1st – 3rd Northern Archdeacons' Conference @ Hinsley Hall

June 8th – 10th New Archdeacons' Conference @ Hinsley Hall Leeds

September 21st – 24th Eastern Archdeacons @ tba

October 14th – 15th 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...

The diversity of their ministerial tasks places the archdeacons at a nexus in diocesan life, drawing connections between one part and another, bringing different people into different conversations and enabling the full participation of God's people in the life of God's Church. Theirs is a Janus-like task of 'looking before and after' to detect what should be done, and how to deal with what should have been done, for the mission of the church. The law is helpful in expressing this responsibility.

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