



# **DAC Conference 2022**

**Welcome from the  
Diocese of Leeds  
and the  
Church Buildings Council**





# **Annual Meeting 2022**

**David Knight,  
Senior Church Buildings Officer,  
Secretary, Church Buildings Council (acting)**





# **Faith communities can help Britain overcome collective Covid trauma, new report suggests**





## Church Times – 25 February 2022

- Research shows trauma resulting from the pandemic, including its impact on church leaders – risk of burnout
- Also has tools to help church communities respond to trauma – but notes this comes at great cost.





# **Volunteer crisis is affecting youth and children's ministry, new study finds**





- Church Times – 27 May 2022, Research for South West Youth Ministries found:
- A crisis in recruiting volunteers is preventing a post-Covid recovery in youth and children’s ministry, and is most affecting rural areas and smaller congregations...
- 59% of churches said the lack of volunteers was ‘challenging’ or ‘very challenging’





**Families look for friends from a church, not activities**





- Church Times – 17 June 2022, Research by the Nurturing Young Faith project at Liverpool Hope University found:
- ‘families appreciate relational contact much more from churches than activities and events...’







**Smaller churches have recovered more  
after lockdowns than larger ones,  
Easter data suggests**





Church Times – 27 June 2022

- With online figures attendance about same as 2019
- Decline not inevitable, some churches grown post-Covid
- Churches with no online attendance the only ones to show a drop in total attendance





**What might this mean for us?**

