

CHURCH BUILDINGS COUNCIL

Members 1 June 2022 – 31 May 2027

This list follows Schedule 4 of the Dioceses Pastoral and Mission Measure (2007). The initial year of appointment is shown in round brackets, and diocese is given for members of General Synod.

An* indicates members of the Statutory Advisory Committee on Closed and Closing Churches

(1) Chair

Appointed by the Archbishops after consultation with the Appointments Committee:

Jennifer Page CBE (2019)*

Former vice-Chair of the Cathedral Fabric Committee. Previously Chief Executive of English Heritage, The Millennium Commission, Chief Executive New Millennium Experience Company. Chair of Southwark Cathedral Council and former Trustee of the National Churches Trust.

Not more than 23 other members

(2) Appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

(a) 4 members on nomination of the Secretary of State with special knowledge of or expertise in history, architecture, archaeology and aesthetics

Abigail Lloyd (2022)*

Historic buildings adviser experienced in ecclesiastical and secular buildings with a wider interest in the historic landscape. Member of Oxford DAC, Committee member of Oxfordshire Buildings Record and Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society's Listed Building Committee. Engaged in place name research for the English Place-Name Society.

Debbie Dance (2022)*

Chief Executive, Oxford Preservation Trust, former Chair of the Historic Chapels Trust. Experienced heritage advocate experienced in property, land, planning and the historic environment. Commercial property surveyor.

Thomas Pearson (2021)*

Associate of Arup. An IHBC-accredited architectural conservationist, designer, and heritage consultant, with experience in design and conservation solutions for historic buildings.

Matthew Saunders (2016)*

Former Secretary of the Ancient Monuments Society and one-time Director, Friends of Friendless Churches former Trustee, Heritage Lottery Fund. Broad experience of national policy and planning over church buildings. Author of *Saunders Report* on future strategy for listing (Historic England, 2021).

(b) on nomination of the Appointments Committee, 3 members of General Synod with relevant knowledge or expertise

The Venerable Robert Cooper (Diocese of Durham) (2018)

Archdeacon of Sunderland. Honorary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral. Member of Diocesan Church Buildings Panel. Former Vicar of Pontefract and Area Dean of Pontefract Deanery

Wendy Coombey (Diocese of Hereford) (2016)

Community Partnership and Funding Officer, Diocese of Hereford. Chair of Delivering Differently in Neighbourhoods programme. Chair of Herefordshire Churches Tourism Group.

Tony Allwood (Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) (2022)

Lay Chair of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese, instigator of Diocesan Net-Zero Carbon group. Former operational manager, St John's, Woodbridge. Founder of Birchwood Management Services LTD and former manager and system designer for British Telecom.

(c) 3 persons on nomination of the Council, with relevant knowledge or expertise

Marcus Chantrey (2014)

Architect, Director of Benjamin and Beauchamp Architects Ltd. Specialist in conservation and repair of historic buildings, adaptation, refurbishment, and new buildings on historically sensitive sites. Member of the Royal Institute of British Architecture (RIBA). Member of Salisbury DAC.

Ven Dr Anne Dawtry (2016)

Archdeacon Emeritus, former Archdeacon of Halifax. External Examiner Sarum College MA in Christian Liturgy. Independent Consultant on Church Visitors and Tourism.

Mel Allwood (2021)

Sustainability Consultant, Associate Director, Arup. Experienced in finding design interventions that optimise the environmental performance of buildings in terms of embodied carbon, material consumption and construction and operational resource use.

(d) 3 persons on nomination of an annual meeting of the Chairs and Secretaries of the DACs

Keith Halliday (2022)

Church Buildings Adviser and Furnishings Officer (Major Projects) Diocese of York. Former Head of Church Buildings, Diocese of Lincoln. A leader in heritage and funding engaged with professionals and volunteers and regular trainer to churches on skills relevant to delivering projects, tourism, and conservation.

Liz Kitch (2021)

Senior Church Buildings Officer and Secretary to the DAC, Diocese of Oxford. Previous DAC roles in Chichester and Winchester. Full member of the IHBC.

Geoffrey Hunter (2012)

Church Buildings Consultant for the Diocese of Ely and former Head of Parish Property Support for the Diocese of London. A member of the Heritage of London Trust and of the Diocese of Westminster Historic Churches Committee.

(e) 1 person on nomination of the CFCE

Michael J Dyer JP (2021)

Consultant on church building services, Chair of Southwark Cathedral Investment Sub-Committee. Former Director of Technical Services for the Electrical Contractors Association, Bursar and Company Secretary of the Cowley Fathers and Finance, Buildings and Stewardship Adviser, Diocese of London.

(f) 1 person, on the nomination of the appointments committee, with expertise in innovative use of churches and former churches, including their management and development

Dr Nigel Walter (2016)*

Director of Archangel Ltd, Architectural Practice. Specialist conservation architect skilled in creating a better fit for church communities and their buildings. Research interests in living heritage and developing a narrative theory of conservation philosophy.

(g) 3 persons, on the nomination of the appointments committee, with regard to the need to include members with expertise in history, architecture, archaeology, archives, art and liturgy

John Burton (2016)*

Experienced architect with a distinguished career in historic building conservation that has included being Surveyor of the Fabric to both Canterbury Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. Member of Chelmsford Diocesan Advisory Committee. Director of the Buildings Crafts College, Stratford.

Dr David Thackray (2016)*

Former Head of Archeology for the National Trust with experience of managing buildings and archeology at a national level. Member of Gloucester Diocesan Advisory Committee and as its Archeological Adviser. Active in membership of international organizations working to ensure good standards of work in the development of historic buildings

Vacant

(3) No more than 2 co-options to reflect specialist interests not otherwise represented as the Council sees fit

The Ven William Braviner (Diocese of Leeds) (2018)

Archdeacon of Halifax. Former parish priest and Diocesan Disability Adviser in the Diocese of Durham. Champion of buildings for mission recognising the priority of increasing accessibility and usage while maintaining significance and honouring heritage.

Laura Moffatt (2016)

Director of Art and Christianity Enquiry. Co-author of *Contemporary Church Architecture*. Fine art adviser to London Diocesan Advisory Committee.

(4) Three persons elected by the General Synod:

The Revd Canon Dana Delap (Diocese of Gloucester) (2022)

Gloucester DAC Chair and Team Vicar and Team Missioner, Vale and Cotswold Edge. Former Gloucester Diocesan Facilitator for Deanery Strategic Planning.

The Revd Dr Susan Lucas (Diocese of Chelmsford) (2022)

Team Rector, East Ham Holy Trinity, Assistant Area Dean of Newham. Former member of Liverpool DAC and Trustee of the Church Visitors' and Tourism Alliance. Experience of turning visitors into pilgrims, finding missional opportunities for church buildings, experience supporting a church through recovery after lead theft.

The Revd David Tolhurst (Diocese of Durham) (2022)

Vicar of Doxford & Silksworth and Area Dean of Wearmouth and member of the Durham Closed Church Uses Panel. Experienced in building management, liturgical and non-liturgical use of church buildings as places of mission to the communities they serve.

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