

GENERAL SYNOD
CHANCEL REPAIR (CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' LIABILITY) MEASURE
EXPLANATORY NOTES

The draft Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners' Liability) Measure provides for the liability of the Church Commissioners to repair the chancel of a church which currently takes the form of an interest in land or a contractual obligation to take the form of a statutory duty instead.

Background

1. Chancel repair liability is an enforceable liability to repair, or to contribute to the cost of repairing, the chancel of a parish church (usually its eastern part).
2. In some cases, chancel repair liability is attached to the ownership of land. That could be because the land concerned had been glebe and had formed part of the endowment of a rectory or because the land now represents the right to tithes that had originally belonged to a rectory.
3. During the Middle Ages, monasteries acquired many rectories. After the dissolution of the monasteries in the 1530s, some of their property went to cathedrals, which inherited the liability to repair the chancel of the relevant parish church. Some former monastic property was used to endow the new bishoprics founded by Henry VIII, with each new bishop inheriting the chancel repair liability.
4. After its foundation in 1704, Queen Anne's Bounty inherited former rectorial property. In the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the then Ecclesiastical Commissioners inherited all episcopal estates and a lot of cathedral property. In each case, chancel repair liability was also inherited.
5. In 1947, the Church Commissioners took over the property that had belonged to Queen Anne's Bounty or to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners as well as all chancel repair liability attached to that property. The land which the Commissioners took on carried liability for around 350 parish churches. In some cases, the Commissioners have the whole liability; in others, they share it. In 2022, they incurred net expenditure of around £608,000 on chancel repair.
6. The Commissioners also have power under section 25 of the Cathedrals Measure 1999 (being replaced by section 28(6) of the Cathedrals Measure 2021) to make grants to cathedral Chapters towards the cost of chancel repairs (covering about 200 parish churches). Grants currently stand at 100% of the cost and, in 2022, the Commissioners made net grants of around £97,000.

7. Chancel repair liability was classified in land law as an overriding interest, which is an interest to which a registered title is subject, even though it does not appear on the register of title. It binds the registered proprietor and anybody who acquires an interest in the title. Before the Land Registration Act 2002, chancel repair liability would pass to the purchaser when land was sold, whether or not the purchaser knew about it. But from 13th October 2013, at the end of the applicable transitional period under the 2002 Act, chancel repair liability passed (except in very limited circumstances) to the purchaser only if it had been registered against the title or (in the case of unregistered land) protected by a caution against first registration. In general, therefore, if the liability was not registered, a person buying the land without knowledge of the liability would obtain the land free from that liability.
8. If a parochial church council (“PCC”) wished to retain the benefit of chancel repair liability, it had to (ideally before 13^h October 2013) have the liability registered. In 2009, the Church Commissioners decided to relieve PCCs of this task in the case of land which the Commissioners owned and, where the land was registered, themselves took on the task of registering notice of the liability.
9. By 2016, though, it had become clear that the process of registering chancel repair liability was creating technical legal issues and adversely affecting the value of the land concerned. The process damaged the relationships between the public, PCCs and the Commissioners and led to Parliamentary Questions and unfavourable publicity. In 2015, following a campaign by the National Secular Society, Lord Avebury introduced a private peer’s bill in the House of Lords to abolish chancel repair liability entirely (HL Bill 21 in the 2015-16 Session). The Bill made little progress, largely because of the compensation the Church of England required from the government to put chancels into repair.
10. The Commissioners abandoned the policy of registration and sought to have their chancel repair liability removed from the register. But that policy too proved unsatisfactory, with various legal and practical difficulties arising.
11. The Commissioners propose now that their chancel repair liability should be detached from land of theirs that is affected by it and instead become a free-standing statutory duty, whether or not the Commissioners continue to own the land. The Commissioners would then be able to sell their land free from chancel repair liability and its associated difficulties. The interest of PCCs would still be protected because the Commissioners would have a continuing statutory duty to repair the chancel of the relevant parish church.
12. In the Annex, Table 1 sets out each chancel for which the Commissioners have land-based liability to repair and the percentage used to represent their share of liability. Table 2 sets out each chancel for which the Chapter of a cathedral has liability to repair and the percentage used to represent its share liability; under the Measure the Commissioners will take on those liabilities.

Procedural stages

13. Standing Order 48(1) provides for Measures and Canons to be considered by the General Synod on the following successive stages—
- **First Consideration (see SOs 51 and 52).**
 - Revision Committee (see SOs 54 to 57)
 - Revision (see SOs 53 and 58 to 60)
 - Final Drafting (see SO 61)
 - Final Approval (see SO 64).
14. The draft Measure is being considered by the General Synod at the February 2024 group of sessions on the First Consideration Stage.
15. The next stage will be the Revision Committee Stage. Members who wish to send proposals for amendment for consideration by the Revision Committee must do so in writing to revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org no later than 5.30 p.m. on 8th April 2024.
16. The Measure is expected to return to Synod for the Revision Stage in July 2024, with the Final Drafting and Final Approval Stages being taken in February 2025.

The Measure

17. This Measure would provide for the liability of the Church Commissioners to repair the chancel of a church which currently has effect as an interest in land or as a contractual obligation to have effect instead as a statutory duty. Land owned by the Commissioners would therefore be relieved of the burden of the liability and could be dealt with free from it and its blighting effect.
18. This Measure would not abolish chancel repair liability. Nor would it change the liability of third parties to pay contributions to chancel repair.
19. HM Land Registry has been consulted on the text of this Measure and is content.

Notes on Clauses

Clause 1 – Existing liabilities on title or under contract

20. *Subsection (1)* provides for the conversion to a statutory duty of the Church Commissioners' current chancel repair liability, whether it operates as an interest in land or as a contractual obligation (including under an indemnity).
21. *Subsection (2)* provides that the extent of the Commissioners' share of chancel repair liability in each case would crystallise immediately before the Measure comes into force.

22. *Subsection (3)* provides that the change made by this clause would supersede all previous deeds and agreements relating to the Commissioners' chancel repair liability. But a deed or agreement would cease to have effect only in so far as it relates to chancel repair liability; it would continue to have effect where it also, for example, grants or reserves rights or creates covenants.
23. *Subsection (4)* provides that notices and other entries at HM Land Registry relating to chancel repair liability would cease to have effect.
24. *Subsection (5)* provides for references in this clause to liability of the Commissioners to include liability of any of their subsidiaries. This clause will therefore apply where the Commissioners have an indirect liability through a subsidiary. The term "subsidiary" is defined by clause 5(4) to have the standard meaning given in the Companies Act 2006.

Clause 2 – Existing statutory liabilities

25. *Subsections (1) and (2)* provide for the continuation of certain existing statutory liabilities of the Commissioners for chancel repairs. Each of the local Acts listed imposes chancel repair liability on the Commissioners; accordingly, in each of those cases, the liability is already statutory rather than land-based or contractual. Clause 1 would not therefore impact on those cases and it is appropriate for the liability under each Act to continue as it is.
26. *Subsection (3)* provides for those existing statutory liabilities of the Commissioners to remain with them even if the land that is subject to one of the local Acts mentioned in this clause is transferred to another person.
27. *Subsection (4)* qualifies clause 1(3) so that the reference there to an "instrument" does not include any of the local Acts mentioned in this clause. There might otherwise be a conflict between the operation of the two clauses.

Clause 3 – Future liabilities

28. *Subsection (1)* is concerned with the future liability of the Commissioners following their acquisition of land to which chancel repair liability is attached. The liability would, on the acquisition, take effect instead as a statutory duty.
29. *Subsection (2)* provides for the extent of the chancel repair liability in such a case to crystallise immediately before the acquisition.
30. *Subsection (3)* provides that any notices or other entries at HM Land Registry relating to chancel repair liability that would otherwise have taken effect as an interest in or over the land being acquired will cease to have effect on the acquisition of the land.
31. *Subsection (4)* provides that the clause also applies to an acquisition of land by a subsidiary of the Commissioners.

Clause 4 – Liabilities on cathedrals

32. As things stand under section 28(6) of the Cathedrals Measure 2021 (or, where it is not yet in force, section 25 of the Cathedrals Measure 1999), the Chapter of each cathedral has a statutory duty in respect of chancel repair liability. But each Chapter is supported in carrying out that duty by the Commissioners who have a discretion to make grants to Chapters from their general fund.
33. *Subsection (1)* provides for the conversion of the current statutory liability of a Chapter into a statutory duty of the Commissioners. It refers only to the Cathedrals Measure 2021 because, by the time this Measure comes into force, that Measure is likely to apply to most, if not all, cathedrals. (The 2021 Measure has a phased implementation diocese-by-diocese.)
34. *Subsection (2)* provides that the extent of the chancel repair liability in each such case will crystallise immediately before its conversion into a statutory duty of the Commissioners under subsection (1).
35. *Subsection (3)* provides that any notices or other entries at HM Land Registry relating to chancel repair liability which would otherwise have taken effect as an interest in or over the land concerned would cease to have effect on the conversion of the liability into a statutory duty of the Commissioners.
36. *Subsection (4)* is a transitional provision. It ensures that if, when this Measure comes into force, the Cathedrals Measure 1999 still applies to any cathedral, subsection (1) of this clause as it applies to that cathedral is to be read as referring to the 1999 Measure (and not to the Cathedrals Measure 2021).
37. *Subsection (5)* makes a consequential repeal of section 28(6) of the Cathedrals Measure 2021, as it will have been superseded by this clause.

Clause 5 – Supplementary matters

38. *Subsection (1)* provides for chancel repair liability under this Measure to be enforced under the Chancel Repairs Act 1932. That Act entitles a PCC to serve a notice of repair and, if the notice is not complied with, to bring proceedings in the county court.
39. *Subsection (2)* provides for disputes about the extent of chancel repair liability under this Measure to be resolved by arbitration. The reference to “arbitration” has the effect of applying the Arbitration Act 1996. Three principles underlie that Act – first, achieving a fair resolution by an impartial tribunal without unnecessary delay or cost; second, giving the parties freedom to agree how the dispute should be resolved; third, keeping the court’s involvement to a minimum. Flexibility is a key feature, so the parties can adopt procedures suitable to the particular case and avoid unnecessary delay or expense (for example, whether to have legal representation and, if so, at what level).

40. *Subsection (3)* defines the label of “Land Registry entry”, used throughout this Measure, as an entry in either of the registers maintained by the Land Registry.

41. *Subsection (4)* defines other expressions used in this Measure. It supplements the standard definition of “land” in Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 (which includes “buildings and other structures, land covered with water, and any estate, interest, servitude or right in or over land”) by adding an express reference to “mines and minerals”. That expression is itself defined by reference to the standard definition in the Law of Property Act 1925. *Subsection (4)* also defines “subsidiary” as mentioned in paragraph 24 of these Notes.

Clause 6 – Short title, commencement and extent

42. *Subsection (3)* provides for the main provisions of this Measure to be brought into force by way of commencement order.

43. *Subsection (5)* provides that the Measure does not form part of the law of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

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ANNEX

Table 1 - Church Commissioners' land-based chancel repair liability

| Chancel | Diocese | Church Commissioners' liability % |
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| Timberscombe St Petroc | Bath and Wells | 58.10 |
| Westbury-Sub-Mendip St Lawrence | Bath and Wells | 52.58 |
| Wells St Cuthbert | Bath and Wells | 24.20 |
| Lovington St Thomas | Bath and Wells | 21.13 |
| West Bradley | Bath and Wells | 11.77 |
| Banwell St Andrew | Bath and Wells | 10.16 |
| Churchill St John the Baptist | Bath and Wells | 10.16 |
| Merriott All Saints | Bath and Wells | 10.06 |
| Tintinhull St Margaret | Bath and Wells | 7.10 |
| Kingstone St John and All Saints | Bath and Wells | 5.41 |
| Winscombe St James | Bath and Wells | 4.98 |
| Burnham St Andrew | Bath and Wells | 4.45 |
| Whitelackington the Blessed Virgin Mary | Bath and Wells | 2.59 |
| Glastonbury St John | Bath and Wells | 2.59 |
| West Pennard St Nicholas | Bath and Wells | 2.59 |
| Glastonbury St Benedict | Bath and Wells | 2.59 |
| Congresbury St Andrew | Bath and Wells | 2.30 |
| Compton Bishop St Andrew | Bath and Wells | 1.34 |
| Cheddar St Andrew | Bath and Wells | 1.28 |
| Berrow Blessed Virgin Mary | Bath and Wells | 1.27 |
| Combe St Nicholas | Bath and Wells | 0.57 |
| Stoke St Gregory | Bath and Wells | 0.53 |
| West Hatch St Andrew | Bath and Wells | 0.53 |
| North Curry St Peter and St Paul | Bath and Wells | 0.53 |
| Dulverton All Saints | Bath and Wells | 0.17 |
| Iminster St Mary | Bath and Wells | 0.06 |
| Handsworth St Mary | Birmingham | 56.38 |

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| Sutton Coldfield Holy Trinity | Birmingham | 1.63 |
| King's Norton St Nicholas | Birmingham | 1.34 |
| Wanborough St Andrew | Bristol | 100.00 |
| Bishopstone St Mary the Virgin | Bristol | 100.00 |
| Womenswold Wymynswold | Canterbury | 100.00 |
| Sibertswold St Andrew (or Shepherdswell) | Canterbury | 47.08 |
| Hougham St Lawrence | Canterbury | 40.51 |
| Chislet St Mary the Virgin | Canterbury | 31.92 |
| Appledore St Peter and Paul | Canterbury | 20.48 |
| Bekesbourne St Peter | Canterbury | 19.35 |
| Hoath Holy Cross | Canterbury | 15.15 |
| Guston St Martin of Tours | Canterbury | 14.18 |
| Herne St Martin | Canterbury | 12.56 |
| Sturry St Nicholas | Canterbury | 8.71 |
| Sholden St Nicholas | Canterbury | 4.71 |
| Margate St John the Baptist | Canterbury | 2.86 |
| Ash St Nicholas | Canterbury | 2.83 |
| Northbourne St Augustine | Canterbury | 1.33 |
| Kennington St Mary | Canterbury | 0.70 |
| Alkham St Anthony | Canterbury | 0.37 |
| Marden St Michael and All Angels | Canterbury | 0.03 |
| Camerton St Peter | Carlisle | 53.53 |
| Dalston St Michael | Carlisle | 25.34 |
| Kirkby Ireleth St Cuthbert | Carlisle | 0.82 |
| Maldon St Mary | Chelmsford | 100.00 |
| Barling Magna All Saints | Chelmsford | 56.33 |
| Horndon on the Hill St Peter and St Paul | Chelmsford | 28.27 |
| Feering All Saints | Chelmsford | 22.29 |
| Heybridge St Andrew | Chelmsford | 15.91 |
| Takeley Holy Trinity | Chelmsford | 14.44 |
| Great Sampford St Michael | Chelmsford | 4.84 |

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| Hempstead St Andrew | Chelmsford | 4.84 |
| Chigwell St Mary | Chelmsford | 2.31 |
| Boreham St Andrew | Chelmsford | 1.00 |
| Ardleigh St Mary | Chelmsford | 0.58 |
| Witham St Nicolas | Chelmsford | 0.40 |
| Shalford St Andrew | Chelmsford | 0.12 |
| Rickling All Saints | Chelmsford | 0.08 |
| Stoke (or Stoak) St Lawrence | Chester | 81.14 |
| Mottram-In-Longendale St. Michael | Chester | 7.78 |
| Bowdon St Mary the Virgin | Chester | 4.24 |
| Tarvin St Andrew | Chester | 3.09 |
| Weaverham St Mary | Chester | 1.89 |
| Over St Chad | Chester | 0.26 |
| Singleton St Mary the Virgin | Chichester | 100.00 |
| Oving St Andrew | Chichester | 57.17 |
| Apuldram St Mary the Virgin | Chichester | 48.01 |
| Amberley St Michael | Chichester | 45.02 |
| Chidham St Mary | Chichester | 33.80 |
| Sidlesham St Mary | Chichester | 26.82 |
| Friston St James | Chichester | 26.42 |
| West Wittering St Peter and St Paul | Chichester | 24.73 |
| South Bersted St Mary Magdalene | Chichester | 23.98 |
| Pagham St Thomas à Becket | Chichester | 9.29 |
| Aldingbourne St Mary | Chichester | 5.58 |
| Bosham Holy Trinity | Chichester | 3.36 |
| Bolney St Mary Magdalen | Chichester | 2.05 |
| East Preston St Mary the Virgin | Chichester | 0.14 |
| Ryton Upon Dunsmore St Leonard | Coventry | 100.00 |
| Claverdon St Michael and All Angels | Coventry | 0.93 |
| Norton Lindsey Holy Trinity | Coventry | 0.93 |
| Sandiacre St Giles | Derby | 3.06 |

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| Ashbourne St Oswald | Derby | 1.97 |
| Hognaston St Bartholomew | Derby | 1.97 |
| Parwich St Peter | Derby | 1.97 |
| Wirksworth St Mary | Derby | 1.30 |
| Auckland St Andrew | Durham | 69.73 |
| Aycliffe St Andrew | Durham | 56.19 |
| Heighington St Michael | Durham | 34.45 |
| Sunderland Minster St Michael and All Angels | Durham | 33.25 |
| Billingham St Cuthbert | Durham | 21.06 |
| Pittington St Laurence | Durham | 20.42 |
| Kirk Merrington | Durham | 10.07 |
| Madingley St Mary Magdalene | Ely | 100.00 |
| Spaldwick St James | Ely | 100.00 |
| West Wratting St Andrew | Ely | 100.00 |
| Swaffham Bulbeck St Mary | Ely | 100.00 |
| Barham St Giles | Ely | 100.00 |
| Buckden St Mary | Ely | 100.00 |
| Godmanchester St Mary | Ely | 100.00 |
| Leighton Bromswold St Mary | Ely | 100.00 |
| Ickleton St Mary Magdalene | Ely | 100.00 |
| Bassingbourn St Peter and St Paul | Ely | 89.80 |
| Ely St Mary | Ely | 53.17 |
| Stuntney Holy Cross | Ely | 41.73 |
| Wisbech St Peter and St Paul | Ely | 36.50 |
| Witchford St Andrew | Ely | 29.29 |
| Witcham St Martin | Ely | 27.43 |
| Stow Longa St Botolph | Ely | 13.27 |
| Whaddon St Mary the Virgin | Ely | 11.48 |
| Comberton St Mary | Ely | 10.20 |
| Sutton St Andrew | Ely | 9.59 |
| Foxton St Lawrence | Ely | 1.02 |

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| Southoe St Leonard | Ely | 0.20 |
| Melbourn All Saints | Ely | 0.01 |
| Malborough All Saints | Exeter | 72.55 |
| Clyst Honiton St Micheal and All Angels | Exeter | 71.71 |
| Ide St Ida | Exeter | 48.56 |
| Staverton St Paul de Lyon | Exeter | 39.79 |
| Colaton Raleigh St John the Baptist | Exeter | 10.52 |
| South Molton St Mary Magdalene | Exeter | 10.14 |
| Paignton St John Baptist | Exeter | 5.48 |
| Plympton St Mary Blessed Virgin | Exeter | 5.00 |
| Plymstock St Mary and All Saints | Exeter | 5.00 |
| Upottery St Mary the Virgin | Exeter | 4.28 |
| Uffculme St Mary the Virgin | Exeter | 2.62 |
| Kingsteignton St Michael | Exeter | 2.59 |
| Northam St Margaret | Exeter | 2.41 |
| Culmstock All Saints | Exeter | 2.29 |
| Broadwood-Widger St Nicholas | Exeter | 1.40 |
| Axminster St Mary | Exeter | 0.78 |
| Membury St John the Baptist | Exeter | 0.78 |
| Kilmington St Giles | Exeter | 0.78 |
| South Milton All Saints | Exeter | 0.75 |
| West Alvington All Saints | Exeter | 0.75 |
| Galmpton (South Huish) Holy Trinity | Exeter | 0.75 |
| Ilisington St Michael | Exeter | 0.29 |
| Maisemore St Giles | Gloucester | 100.00 |
| Churham St Andrew | Gloucester | 79.25 |
| Barnwood St Lawrence | Gloucester | 76.51 |
| Church Honeybourne St Ecgwyn | Gloucester | 47.50 |
| Chaceley St John the Baptist | Gloucester | 1.84 |
| Newland All Saints | Gloucester | 1.14 |
| Wellington St Margaret | Hereford | 30.76 |

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| Upper Bullinghope St Peter | Hereford | 30.32 |
| Mathon St John the Baptist | Hereford | 22.46 |
| Bosbury Holy Trinity | Hereford | 13.56 |
| Bockleton St Michael | Hereford | 2.69 |
| Little Hereford St Mary Magdalene | Hereford | 0.97 |
| Ashford Carbonell St Mary | Hereford | 0.97 |
| Almeley St Mary | Hereford | 0.02 |
| Ferry Fryston St Andrew (Ferrybridge) | Leeds | 2.80 |
| Thornton Steward St Oswald | Leeds | 0.65 |
| Kirkby Ravensworth St Peter and St Felix | Leeds | 0.34 |
| Ripon Cathedral | Leeds | 0.08 |
| Great Easton St Andrew | Leicester | 100.00 |
| Brighthurst St Nicholas | Leicester | 100.00 |
| Hinckley St Mary | Leicester | 0.81 |
| Dadlington St James | Leicester | 0.81 |
| Weeford St Mary the Virgin | Lichfield | 61.10 |
| Eccleshall Holy Trinity | Lichfield | 11.24 |
| Lichfield St Michael | Lichfield | 5.40 |
| King's Bromley All Saints | Lichfield | 3.14 |
| Hanbury St Werburgh | Lichfield | 2.73 |
| Brewood St Mary and St Chad | Lichfield | 1.05 |
| Lichfield St Chad | Lichfield | 0.93 |
| Prees St Chad | Lichfield | 0.03 |
| Scamblesby St Martin | Lincoln | 100.00 |
| Dunston St Peter | Lincoln | 100.00 |
| Mumby St Thomas of Canterbury | Lincoln | 100.00 |
| Lusby St Peter | Lincoln | 100.00 |
| Quadring St Margaret | Lincoln | 100.00 |
| Hibaldstow St Hybald | Lincoln | 100.00 |
| High Toynton St John the Baptist | Lincoln | 100.00 |
| Kirton-In-Lindsey St Andrew | Lincoln | 100.00 |

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| Wrangle St Mary the Virgin and St Nicholas | Lincoln | 68.03 |
| Tetney St Peter and St Paul | Lincoln | 37.50 |
| Welton St Mary | Lincoln | 23.02 |
| Strubby St Oswald | Lincoln | 10.50 |
| Thurlby St Germain | Lincoln | 6.12 |
| Burgh-Le-Marsh St Peter and Paul | Lincoln | 5.73 |
| Tathwell St Vedast | Lincoln | 2.11 |
| Northorpe St John Baptist | Lincoln | 1.07 |
| Holbeach All Saints | Lincoln | 0.08 |
| Edmonton All Saints | London | 100.00 |
| Fulham All Saints | London | 60.24 |
| Kingsbury Holy Innocents | London | 13.04 |
| Tottenham All Hallows | London | 2.58 |
| Bywell St Peter | Newcastle | 28.51 |
| Newburn St Michael and All Angels | Newcastle | 10.45 |
| Norham St Cuthbert | Newcastle | 2.34 |
| Bedlington St Cuthbert | Newcastle | 2.23 |
| Horning St Benedict | Norwich | 100.00 |
| Aldeby St Mary | Norwich | 5.61 |
| Ingham Holy Trinity | Norwich | 2.56 |
| Swaffham St Peter and St Paul | Norwich | 1.46 |
| Upper Sheringham All Saints | Norwich | 1.27 |
| Gayton St Nicholas | Norwich | 0.79 |
| Ludham St Catherine | Norwich | 0.27 |
| Upton St Margaret | Norwich | 0.08 |
| Datchet St Mary the Virgin | Oxford | 100.00 |
| Lyford St Mary | Oxford | 100.00 |
| Deddington St Peter and St Paul | Oxford | 100.00 |
| Aylesbury St Mary | Oxford | 100.00 |
| Ashbury St Mary | Oxford | 100.00 |
| Haddenham St Mary | Oxford | 100.00 |

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| Mollington All Saints | Oxford | 73.95 |
| Claydon St James the Great | Oxford | 73.95 |
| Cropredy St Mary the Virgin | Oxford | 73.95 |
| Wardington St Mary Magdalene | Oxford | 73.95 |
| North Marston Assumption of the Blessed Virgin | Oxford | 61.65 |
| East Challow St Nicholas | Oxford | 29.34 |
| West Challow St Lawrence | Oxford | 29.34 |
| Letcombe Regis St Andrew | Oxford | 29.34 |
| Steventon St Michael and All Angels | Oxford | 4.10 |
| Winkfield St Mary | Oxford | 3.66 |
| Wraysbury St Andrew | Oxford | 3.35 |
| Wantage St Peter and St Paul | Oxford | 1.46 |
| North Moreton All Saints | Oxford | 1.42 |
| Hurst St Nicholas | Oxford | 0.78 |
| Appleford Ss Peter and Paul | Oxford | 0.59 |
| Sutton Courtenay All Saints | Oxford | 0.59 |
| Bierton St James | Oxford | 0.47 |
| Peterborough St John | Peterborough | 100.00 |
| Hambledon St Peter and St Paul | Portsmouth | 15.42 |
| Stoke St Peter and St Paul | Rochester | 31.08 |
| Frindsbury All Saints | Rochester | 8.77 |
| West Peckham St Dunstan | Rochester | 0.55 |
| Sutton At Hone St John the Baptist | Rochester | 0.46 |
| Otford St Bartholomew | Rochester | 0.30 |
| Bromley St Peter and St Paul | Rochester | 0.17 |
| Salisbury St Martin | Salisbury | 73.64 |
| West Lavington All Saints | Salisbury | 33.99 |
| Durnford St Andrew | Salisbury | 27.92 |
| Marden All Saints | Salisbury | 8.74 |
| Laverstock St Andrew | Salisbury | 7.92 |
| Froxfield All Saints | Salisbury | 6.51 |

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| Stratford-Sub-Castle St Lawrence | Salisbury | 5.34 |
| Ebbesbourne Wake St John the Baptist | Salisbury | 3.84 |
| Powerstock St Mary the Virgin | Salisbury | 3.51 |
| Broadwindsor St John | Salisbury | 3.37 |
| Coombe Bissett St Michael and All Angels | Salisbury | 3.36 |
| West Harnham St George | Salisbury | 3.36 |
| Whitchurch Canonorum St Candida and Holy Cross | Salisbury | 0.13 |
| Seend Holy Cross | Salisbury | 0.06 |
| Doncaster St George | Sheffield | 16.24 |
| Wimbledon St Mary | Southwark | 1.47 |
| Orston St Mary | Southwell and Nottingham | 100.00 |
| Syerston All Saints | Southwell and Nottingham | 100.00 |
| Farndon St Peter | Southwell and Nottingham | 100.00 |
| Norwell St Lawrence | Southwell and Nottingham | 100.00 |
| Upton St Peter and St Paul | Southwell and Nottingham | 100.00 |
| Beckingham All Saints | Southwell and Nottingham | 100.00 |
| Bleasby Saint Mary | Southwell and Nottingham | 100.00 |
| Halloughton St James | Southwell and Nottingham | 95.13 |
| Halam St Michael | Southwell and Nottingham | 66.67 |
| Caunton St Andrew | Southwell and Nottingham | 45.49 |
| East Drayton St Peter | Southwell and Nottingham | 30.36 |
| Ollerton St Giles | Southwell and Nottingham | 1.80 |
| Edwinstowe St Mary | Southwell and Nottingham | 1.80 |
| Wellow St Swithin | Southwell and Nottingham | 1.79 |
| Caddington All Saints | St. Albans | 100.00 |
| Leighton Buzzard All Saints | St. Albans | 5.06 |
| Stanbridge St John the Baptist | St. Albans | 5.06 |
| Sawbridgeworth Great St Mary | St. Albans | 2.34 |
| Winston St Andrew | St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich | 67.13 |
| Burstall St Mary | St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich | 4.44 |
| Bramford St Mary | St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich | 4.44 |

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| Mendlesham St Mary | St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich | 0.12 |
| Egloshayle St Conan | Truro | 32.45 |
| St Newlyn East St Newlina | Truro | 7.56 |
| Altarnon St Nonna | Truro | 2.28 |
| St Goran | Truro | 0.03 |
| Himbleton St Mary Magdalen | Worcester | 100.00 |
| Cleeve Prior St Andrew | Worcester | 100.00 |
| Hallow St Philip and St James | Worcester | 16.00 |
| Grimley St Bartholemew | Worcester | 16.00 |
| Longdon St Mary | Worcester | 15.75 |
| Kempsey St Mary | Worcester | 12.42 |
| Norton Kempsey St James the Great | Worcester | 12.42 |
| Marton-In-The-Forest | York | 100.00 |
| Preston In Holderness All Saints | York | 100.00 |
| Millington St Margaret | York | 100.00 |
| Kilburn St Mary | York | 68.66 |
| Easingwold St John the Baptist | York | 41.44 |
| Westow St Mary | York | 37.81 |
| Stockton on the Forest Holy Trinity | York | 36.32 |
| Kirklevington St Martin and St Hilary | York | 30.72 |
| Felixkirk St Felix | York | 28.87 |
| Northallerton All Saints | York | 20.06 |
| Bossall St Botolphs | York | 12.06 |
| Bishophill Junior | York | 12.05 |
| Whitby St Mary | York | 8.31 |
| Ugglebarnby All Saints | York | 8.31 |
| Fylingdales St Stephen | York | 8.31 |
| Wawne St Peter | York | 8.11 |
| Stainton in Cleveland | York | 7.76 |
| Pocklington All Saints | York | 4.52 |
| Pickering St Peter and St Paul | York | 1.56 |

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| Ellerburne St Hilda | York | 1.56 |
| Ricall St Mary | York | 0.91 |
| Lastingham St Mary | York | 0.06 |

Table 2 – Cathedral Chapters’ chancel repair liability

| Chancel | Diocese | Chapter | Chapter’s Liability % |
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| Minety St Leonard | Bristol | Gloucester | 91.68 |
| Sevenhampton St James | Bristol | Gloucester | 99.97 |
| Alveston St Helen | Bristol | Gloucester | 84.70 |
| South Marston St Mary Magdalene | Bristol | Gloucester | 99.97 |
| Highworth St Michael | Bristol | Gloucester | 99.97 |
| Almondsbury St Mary | Bristol | Gloucester | 93.84 |
| Olveston St Mary | Bristol | Gloucester | 76.92 |
| Stone in Oxney St Mary the Virgin | Canterbury | Canterbury | 99.31 |
| Sittingbourne St Michael | Canterbury | Canterbury | 95.12 |
| Bearsted Holy Cross | Canterbury | Rochester | 62.81 |
| Maidstone All Saints | Canterbury | Canterbury | 66.47 |
| Lydden St Mary The Virgin | Canterbury | Rochester | 13.22 |
| Preston-next-Faversham | Canterbury | Canterbury | 98.06 |
| Sheldwick St James | Canterbury | Canterbury | 79.32 |
| Stockbury St Mary Magdalene | Canterbury | Rochester | 63.60 |
| Charing St Peter and St Paul | Canterbury | Canterbury | 51.63 |
| Boughton Monchelsea St Peter | Canterbury | Rochester | 99.52 |
| Brookland St Augustine | Canterbury | Canterbury | 79.30 |
| Sutton Valence St Mary | Canterbury | Rochester | 100.00 |
| Preston-next-Wingham | Canterbury | Canterbury | 100.00 |
| Sellindge St Mary | Canterbury | Canterbury | 78.40 |
| Minster in Sheppey | Canterbury | Canterbury | 98.69 |
| Eastry St Mary | Canterbury | Canterbury | 88.86 |
| Birchington All Saints | Canterbury | Canterbury | 96.71 |
| Fairfield St Thomas à Becket | Canterbury | Canterbury | 18.72 |

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| Rolvenden St Mary | Canterbury | Rochester | 98.58 |
| Throwley St Michael and All Angels | Canterbury | Canterbury | 96.29 |
| Woodnesborough St Mary | Canterbury | Rochester | 82.95 |
| Sutton-By-Dover St Peter and St Paul | Canterbury | Canterbury | 71.74 |
| Cranbrook St Dunstan | Canterbury | Canterbury | 99.10 |
| Tenterden St Mildred | Canterbury | Canterbury | 99.71 |
| Littlebourne St Vincent | Canterbury | Canterbury | 58.62 |
| Hartlip St Michael | Canterbury | Rochester | 82.90 |
| Minster in Thanet St Mary | Canterbury | Canterbury | 98.76 |
| Worth St Peter | Canterbury | Canterbury | 88.86 |
| Hollingbourne All Saints | Canterbury | Canterbury | 80.43 |
| Lympne St Stephen | Canterbury | Canterbury | 99.12 |
| Stalisfield St Mary | Canterbury | Rochester | 75.14 |
| Faversham St Mary | Canterbury | Canterbury | 99.26 |
| Teynham St Mary | Canterbury | Rochester | 100.00 |
| St Peter in Thanet | Canterbury | Canterbury | 94.70 |
| Lenham St Mary | Canterbury | Rochester | 8.77 |
| Goudhurst St Mary | Canterbury | Rochester | 97.18 |
| Bapchild St Laurence | Canterbury | Rochester | 44.91 |
| Brabourne St Mary | Canterbury | Canterbury | 92.85 |
| Boughton under Blean St Barnabas | Canterbury | Canterbury | 82.06 |
| Lower Halstow St Margaret | Canterbury | Rochester | 48.15 |
| Monkton St Mary Magdale | Canterbury | Canterbury | 96.71 |
| East Sutton St Peter and St Paul | Canterbury | Rochester | 100.00 |
| Ashford St Mary | Canterbury | Rochester | 100.00 |
| Westcliffe St Peter | Canterbury | Canterbury | 92.51 |
| Milton Regis Milton next Sittingbourne | Canterbury | Canterbury | 98.68 |
| Thursby St Andrew | Carlisle | Carlisle | 58.44 |
| Crosby On Eden | Carlisle | Carlisle | 39.87 |
| Stanwix St Michael | Carlisle | Carlisle | 80.25 |
| Carlisle St Cuthbert | Carlisle | Carlisle | 56.28 |
| Hesket in the Forest | Carlisle | Carlisle | 100.00 |

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| Hayton St Mary Magdalene | Carlisle | Carlisle | 63.56 |
| Cumwhitton St Mary The Virgin | Carlisle | Carlisle | 62.14 |
| Wetheral Holy Trinity | Carlisle | Carlisle | 86.08 |
| Tillingham St Nicholas | Chelmsford | London | 83.03 |
| Stoke (Or Stoak) St Lawrence | Chester | Chester | 8.00 |
| Sidlesham St Mary | Chichester | Chichester | 0.00 |
| Ferring St Andrew | Chichester | Chichester | 36.50 |
| West Wittering St Peter and St Paul | Chichester | Chichester | 75.27 |
| Stoughton St Mary | Chichester | Winchester | 87.81 |
| Felpham St Mary | Chichester | Chichester | 98.35 |
| Westbourne St John | Chichester | Chichester | 75.07 |
| Billingham St Cuthbert | Durham | Durham | 31.89 |
| Aycliffe St Andrew | Durham | Durham | 14.67 |
| Melbourn All Saints | Ely | Ely | 5.24 |
| Newton St Margaret | Ely | Ely | 43.00 |
| Crimplesham St Mary | Ely | Norwich | 62.87 |
| Woodbury St Swithun | Exeter | Exeter | 100.00 |
| Hardwicke St Nicholas | Gloucester | Gloucester | 100.00 |
| Old Sodbury St John | Gloucester | Gloucester | 100.00 |
| Churchdown St Bartholomew | Gloucester | Gloucester | 99.72 |
| Moreton Valence St Stephen | Gloucester | Gloucester | 24.20 |
| Standish St Nicholas | Gloucester | Gloucester | 93.01 |
| Whaddon St Margaret | Gloucester | Gloucester | 100.00 |
| St Briavel St Mary the Virgin | Gloucester | Hereford | 100.00 |
| Westbury on Severn St Peter and St Paul | Gloucester | Hereford | 100.00 |
| Lydney St Mary | Gloucester | Hereford | 99.78 |
| Stone All Saints | Gloucester | Gloucester | 99.46 |
| Berkeley St Mary the Virgin | Gloucester | Gloucester | 99.46 |
| Sandhurst St Lawrence | Gloucester | Gloucester | 99.22 |
| Bulley St Michael | Gloucester | Gloucester | 91.81 |
| Hill St Michael | Gloucester | Gloucester | 100.00 |
| Kingstone St Michael | Gloucester | Hereford | 40.18 |

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| Upleadon St Mary | Gloucester | Gloucester | 39.90 |
| Upper Bullinghope St Peter | Hereford | Hereford | 67.56 |
| Hereford All Saints | Hereford | Hereford | 76.30 |
| Bridstow St Bridget | Hereford | Gloucester | 54.15 |
| Holmer St Bartholomew | Hereford | Hereford | 88.00 |
| Blakemere St Leonard | Hereford | Hereford | 100.00 |
| Much Marcle St Bartholomew | Hereford | Gloucester | 100.00 |
| Walford on Wye St Michael | Hereford | Gloucester | 72.95 |
| Little Dewchurch St David | Hereford | Hereford | 5.29 |
| Tyberton St Mary | Hereford | Hereford | 16.41 |
| Madley Nativity of St Mary | Hereford | Hereford | 81.55 |
| Upper Bullinghope St Peter | Hereford | Hereford | 67.56 |
| Upton Bishop St John the Baptist | Hereford | Hereford | 100.00 |
| Diddlebury St Peter | Hereford | Hereford | 91.65 |
| Bridge Sollers St Andrew | Hereford | Hereford | 27.14 |
| Canon Pyon St Lawrence | Hereford | Hereford | 96.47 |
| Clehonger All Saints | Hereford | Hereford | 100.00 |
| Weston Beggard St John the Baptist | Hereford | Hereford | 85.38 |
| King's Chapel St John the Baptist | Hereford | Hereford | 99.90 |
| St Weonards St Weonard | Hereford | Hereford | 85.54 |
| Long Stanton St Michael and All Angels | Hereford | Hereford | 99.91 |
| Hentland St Dubricus | Hereford | Hereford | 99.97 |
| Lugwardine St Peter | Hereford | Hereford | 48.30 |
| Preston on Wye St Lawrence | Hereford | Hereford | 100.00 |
| Sellack St Tyssilio | Hereford | Hereford | 100.00 |
| Llangarren St Deinst | Hereford | Hereford | 94.24 |
| Fownhope St Mary | Hereford | Hereford | 100.00 |
| Hereford All Saints | Hereford | Hereford | 76.30 |
| Goodrich St Giles | Hereford | Gloucester | 100.00 |
| Yarkhill St John the Baptist | Hereford | Hereford | 97.16 |
| Woolhope St George | Hereford | Hereford | 100.00 |
| Pencoyd St Dennis | Hereford | Gloucester | 100.00 |

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| Marden St Mary | Hereford | Hereford | 89.09 |
| Withington St Peter | Hereford | Hereford | 93.12 |
| Bridstow St Bridget | Hereford | Gloucester | 54.15 |
| Much Dewchurch St David | Hereford | Gloucester | 98.95 |
| Holmer St Bartholomew | Hereford | Hereford | 88.00 |
| Breinton St Michael | Hereford | Hereford | 100.00 |
| Pipe cum Lyde St Peter | Hereford | Hereford | 83.63 |
| Kingstone St Michael | Hereford | Hereford | 59.82 |
| Allensmore St Andrew | Hereford | Hereford | 48.58 |
| Norton Canon St Nicholas | Hereford | Hereford | 100.00 |
| Gedney Our Lady St. Mary | Lincoln | Ely | 53.70 |
| Corbridge St Andrew | Newcastle | Carlisle | 24.27 |
| Martham St Mary | Norwich | Norwich | 97.97 |
| Ingham Holy Trinity | Norwich | Norwich | 44.50 |
| Hindringham St Martin | Norwich | Norwich | 100.00 |
| Loddon Holy Trinity | Norwich | Norwich | 23.85 |
| Whitwell St Michael and All Angels | Norwich | Norwich | 100.00 |
| Halvergate St Peter and St Paul | Norwich | Norwich | 100.00 |
| Walcott All Saints | Norwich | Norwich | 87.64 |
| Kenninghall St Mary | Norwich | Norwich | 97.99 |
| Honing St Peter and St Paul | Norwich | Norwich | 100.00 |
| Ringland St Peter | Norwich | Norwich | 56.31 |
| Witton St Margaret | Norwich | Norwich | 65.54 |
| Sedgeford St Mary | Norwich | Norwich | 100.00 |
| Wighton All Saints | Norwich | Norwich | 100.00 |
| Brundall St Lawrence | Norwich | Norwich | 100.00 |
| Worstead St Mary | Norwich | Norwich | 98.07 |
| Tharston St Mary | Norwich | Norwich | 57.97 |
| Dilham St Nicholas | Norwich | Norwich | 100.00 |
| Narford St Mary | Norwich | Norwich | 100.00 |
| West Bradenham St Andrew | Norwich | Norwich | 100.00 |
| Great Plumstead St Mary | Norwich | Norwich | 59.18 |

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| Ridlington St Peter | Norwich | Norwich | 100.00 |
| Bawburgh St Mary and St Walstun | Norwich | Norwich | 27.15 |
| Buxton St Andrew | Norwich | Norwich | 4.71 |
| Hopton St Margaret | Norwich | Norwich | 46.54 |
| Shinfield St Mary | Oxford | Hereford | 99.75 |
| Hungerford St Lawrence | Oxford | Winchester | 100.00 |
| Newchurch All Saints | Portsmouth | Winchester | 89.41 |
| Halling St John the Baptist | Rochester | Rochester | 30.13 |
| Meopham St John the Baptist | Rochester | Rochester | 65.81 |
| Allhallows At Hoo | Rochester | Rochester | 100.00 |
| Eynsford St Martin | Rochester | Rochester | 100.00 |
| Aylesford St Peter and St Paul | Rochester | Rochester | 99.89 |
| West Farleigh All Saints | Rochester | Rochester | 100.00 |
| Hoo St Werburgh | Rochester | Rochester | 91.20 |
| Farningham St Peter and St Paul | Rochester | Rochester | 57.61 |
| Lamberhurst St Mary | Rochester | Rochester | 90.55 |
| Shorne St Peter and St Paul | Rochester | Rochester | 70.99 |
| Amesbury St Mary And St Melor | Salisbury | Salisbury | 100.00 |
| Mere St Michael the Archangel | Salisbury | Salisbury | 64.18 |
| Figheledean St Michael and All Angels | Salisbury | Salisbury | 0.38 |
| Tisbury St John the Baptist | Salisbury | Salisbury | 94.00 |
| Damerham St George | Salisbury | Salisbury | 45.47 |
| Preshute St George | Salisbury | Salisbury | 79.80 |
| Britford St Peter | Salisbury | Salisbury | 80.58 |
| Shalbourne St Michael and All Angels | Salisbury | Winchester | 98.52 |
| Durrington All Saints | Salisbury | Salisbury | 26.80 |
| Stapleford St Mary | Salisbury | Salisbury | 92.66 |
| Wingfield St. Andrew | St Edmundsbury and Ipswich | Norwich | 65.55 |
| Lakenheath St. Mary | St Edmundsbury and Ipswich | Ely | 60.06 |
| Kingsley All Saints | Winchester | Winchester | 100.00 |
| Sparsholt St Stephen | Winchester | Winchester | 74.83 |
| Alton St Lawrence | Winchester | Winchester | 100.00 |

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| Binsted Holy Cross | Winchester | Winchester | 84.48 |
| Wootton St Lawrence | Winchester | Winchester | 75.27 |
| Combe St Swithin | Oxford | Winchester | 100.00 |
| Nether Wallop St Andrew | Winchester | Winchester | 100.00 |
| Hurstbourne Tarrant St Peter | Winchester | Winchester | 100.00 |
| Vernham Dean St Mary the Virgin | Winchester | Winchester | 100.00 |
| Bullington St Michael and All Angels | Winchester | Winchester | 100.00 |
| York St Michael Le Belfry | York | York | 100.00 |
| Topcliffe St Columba | York | York | 60.15 |