

ASSOCIATION OF
**ENGLISH
CATHEDRALS**

A SUPPORT, RESOURCE, AND ADVOCATE



Here to support our cathedrals to bring
the richness of the Gospel and its relevance to all.



Letter from our Chair

Warm greetings and welcome to the Association of English Cathedrals.

Our organisation was established in 1990 to be a support and resource for English Cathedrals. Since that time, the AEC has flourished, working in partnerships across the Church and beyond, and we have grown our voice championing the important role cathedrals play in our communities and our nation every day.

Today, through the work of our staff and committees, our purpose continues to be as a support, a resource and an advocate for our cathedrals.

In these challenging times, cathedrals continue to welcome millions of people every year as worshippers, visitors and pilgrims. Our use of arts projects to magnify our stories attracts thousands of visitors, many of them new to our cathedrals, and in times of national celebration and mourning, we are there, ever-present, offering welcome and hope in an uncertain world. All this is upheld by the daily rhythm of prayer.

In the pages ahead, you will learn more about how we work and the variety of projects we undertake to help our cathedrals thrive. From training and peer review to support for major projects and communications, we encourage you to take advantage of all the AEC offers. You can find out more about us and read our stories on our website www.englishcathedrals.co.uk.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or one of our staff team if we can be of any help to your cathedral.

I am delighted to welcome you to our organisation.

Dean Jo Kelly-Moore
Chair







About us

The AEC is a collaborative network and resource for all Church of England cathedrals.

It exists to help raise the profile and resource the mission and ministry potential of our cathedrals.

The AEC seeks to support our cathedrals by networking, storytelling, reflection, advocacy, training and research, so they can witness to the constancy of God's love for all creation in Jesus Christ and offer a perspective on the world we inhabit.

How





So

Cathedrals can serve the communities of their dioceses effectively, and offer the welcome of God's love for all as centres for worship and mission, and as the seat of the bishop.

AEC Executive

The Association of English Cathedrals (AEC) was formed in 1990 to represent the interests of English Anglican Cathedrals. Over the years, its role has expanded to include all aspects of better equipping cathedrals, from promoting the church to liaising with the Church of England, government bodies and other organisations and everything inbetween, to be a better support, resource and advocate for all our cathedrals.

The AEC's activities are overseen by the Executive Committee, a Board of Directors and Trustees, elected by the members. They meet four times a year.

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Who we are

The Very Revd Jo Kelly-Moore, DEAN OF ST ALBANS (CHAIR)

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The Revd Canon Simon Griffiths, CANON, TRURO CATHEDRAL

The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones, DEAN OF BLACKBURN

Emily MacKenzie, REGISTRAR, ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL (EX OFFICIO CAFA)

The Very Revd David Monteith, DEAN OF CANTERBURY (EX OFFICIO COLLEGE OF DEANS)

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The Very Revd Nick Papadopoulos, DEAN OF SALISBURY

The Revd Canon Aidan Platten, CANON, NORWICH CATHEDRAL

The Revd Canon Matthew Vernon, SUB-DEAN, ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL

Jonathan Ward, CHAPTER MEMBER, DURHAM CATHEDRAL

How we work

Here at the AEC we represent and support all cathedrals in their mission and ministry. We organise a national cathedrals conference every four years which enables us to come together in person for new learning, to share good practice and network. We run projects which support cathedrals, each with its own project board, reporting to the Executive, to provide project oversight. Project Board members with relevant expertise are drawn from cathedrals and our partners and meet regularly. The Boards currently include:

Peer Review Project

The project facilitates peer reviews for cathedrals bringing some external scrutiny to validate what is good and identify what is not so good and could be improved to demonstrate accountability to the wider Church and stakeholders. The reviews are conducted by a panel of trained volunteers with experience of cathedral governance, including current and former Chapter members, both clergy and lay, and members of cathedral senior management teams.

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Chapter Training Project

The AEC has a long tradition of providing induction training to new members of Chapters. The training brings together people from many cathedrals so those attending can learn from each other as well as from the various sessions which address aspects of trusteeship which are unique to cathedrals. Training is led by a member of the AEC Executive and involves presentations from those with experience of Chapter membership and working in and with cathedrals.

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Communications Support Project

The project aims to highlight and bring to wide attention the quality, range and depth of cathedral ministry, mission and public engagement, raising the profile of cathedrals so that they are perceived as relevant, engaged and worth visiting, and enabling cathedrals to speak as a family. The project team of two work part-time, one with a traditional media brief and one looking after social media and the website. They promote the role of cathedrals through storytelling and campaigns and provide support to those working in communications in cathedrals.

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Cathedral and Major Church Projects Support Panel

The project aims to support and transform the sustainability and governance of projects in cathedrals and major churches, across a wide range of areas related to buildings and sustainability, by enabling appropriate advice to be given at an early stage to ensure their viability before major commitments are made. This advice is freely given by a panel of experts who volunteer their time. The project is coordinated by two part-time project managers, one for cathedrals and one for major churches.

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We work with ...


partner cathedrals including those of the Church in Wales, major churches, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the National Church Institutions (including the Archbishops' Council, Church Commissioners and Lambeth Palace), ALVA, Benefact Trust, CCLA, Ecclesiastical Insurance, and relevant ecumenical groups.


We are members of ...

The Heritage Alliance, Churches Legislation Advisory Service and the Charity Tax Group.



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