



Keeping you connected

Newsletter

19 April 2025

From the Interim Executive Director

A message from Anna Pitt

Dear colleagues and friends,

Firstly, Easter blessings to you all and your colleagues. I know Holy Week is often one of the busiest weeks in your cathedral diaries, my own experience was that those times always highlighted the commitment and work ethic of cathedral colleagues. Enjoy some well-earned rest for those of you taking time off in the coming weeks.

The **Chapter Training Project Board** met last week to review the work of that project. We are also grateful to Greg Hudson for liaising with us to review this training, ensuring that the AEC and NCIs are working to support cathedrals collaboratively. Upcoming dates for the next Chapter Governance Training are below. Please encourage any new chapter members and senior leadership colleagues to join the training. We're grateful to those volunteers who support with delivering the training, and for the feedback form participants that informs how we evolve and develop the training.

Warm wishes,

Anna Pitt

Interim Executive Director, Association of English Cathedrals

News from Our Project Boards

This Week's Highlights

- **Communications Project Board:** This week we launched the *Newgate Cathedrals Volunteer of the Year Award*. There are two awards: one for individual volunteer of the year and one for volunteer team of the year. Each cathedral has TWO nominations. You can read all about it here and how to submit your nominations!
<https://www.englishcathedrals.co.uk/latest-news/launch-of-newgate-cathedral-volunteer-of-the-year-awards/> Deadline is **5 May**. Announcements will be made during Volunteers' Week 2-8 June
- Upcoming Dates for **Chapter Governance Training**: Saturday 7th June - **Manchester Cathedral**; Thursday 25th September - **Southwark Cathedral**; Saturday 22nd November, **Leicester Cathedral**. To book a place for yourself or a colleague, please contact Susan - susan.chapman@englishcathedrals.co.uk

Vacancies and Appointments

- **Executive Director – Association of English Cathedrals**
<https://www.englishcathedrals.co.uk/downloads/vacancy-executive-director-job-pack-march-2025/>
- **Salisbury Cathedral** are seeking to appoint a Residentiary Canon Treasurer, with expressions of interest requested by 6th May 2025. The information pack can be downloaded from the website: <https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/more/about-us/work-with-us/>
- **Lichfield Cathedral** are seeking a new Clerk of Works. The closing date is 11th May: <https://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/get-involved/clerk-of-works>
- St George's Chapel, Windsor are seeking a Chapter Clerk. The closing date is 30th April: https://www.stgeorges-windsor.org/job_vacancies/chapter-clerk/
- **English Heritage** is looking for a new Trustee with deep expertise in architectural conservation and a passion for protecting our heritage to help shape the future of its remarkable historic estate. Application deadline is 28th April: www.english-heritage.org.uk

The **Association of Cultural Enterprises** have announced that job listings will now be free for member organisations: <https://culturalenterprises.org.uk/job-board/>

Don't forget, all of the job descriptions you share with us are uploaded to the CAFA website and can be accessed here: <https://cathedralcafa.org/request-login/>

Interesting Reports & Information

- The link to the new 2025 Edition of the Church Representation Rules along with explanatory notes and guidance: https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/legal-services/church-representation-rules/introduction?mc_cid=bb18ac6f29&mc_eid=8117ca0abb
 - This week the Bible Society publishes their report 'Quiet Revival'; their evidence points to a turnaround in the number of young people identifying as Christian and attending Church: https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/research/quiet-revival?mc_cid=bb18ac6f29&mc_eid=8117ca0abb
 - ALVA have published presentations from their Heads of Events Forum: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/7aom2ea2jtlcd86l4wkfh/AC8tclHErnARbOgZhoHtcG8?rlkey=k0oq1x905se2lm44g3z5uthpz&st=c0brv2za&dl=0>
 - A link to the Cathedral Resource Pack that the NCIs have compiled and circulated this week: <https://digitalversion.uk/cathedralpack>
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Training & Conference Opportunities

Upcoming events and learning opportunities:

- Bates Wells are running a webinar on '**Managing Social Media Risk**' which may be of interest to you or Comms colleagues: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6717441073335/WN_JsxCevEVR7-B039X-nloxA
 - Community Safety Trust (CST) have added an additional date for their training on **Martyn's Law**, on Wednesday 23rd April at 7pm. Details and sign up here: <https://bit.ly/SAFEZoomHub>
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Don't Forget...

- The CAFA website is an excellent portal for the storage of bespoke and template policies, job descriptions and plans. Any number of colleagues from your cathedral can register for free: <https://cathedralcafa.org/request-login/>
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Have news to share in next week's edition? Let us know by Wednesday at midday.
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