

Dear Churchwarden,

As we come to the end of 2022, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The following information may be of interest to you in regards to the care of your church buildings.

### **Grant Info**

Thank you to all the wardens and treasurers who have shared with me details of the grants they have received recently. The attached grant funding document is now up to date and I hope churches will find it and the associated links a useful document. I intend to update this on a fairly regular database, so if you are in receipt of grants for your church buildings from other sources, please let me have the details.

### **Grant Workshop**

Applying for grants is often seen as a very difficult and time-consuming process, particularly when you are trying to do it on a voluntary basis alongside many other responsibilities. With this in mind I am planning to arrange a Grant Writing Workshop with support from the team at the cathedral who have vast experience of this process. If you are planning a larger project (not just buildings) at your church in the next year please let me know if this would be of interest to you.

### **Faculty Workshops**

Thank you to those of you who have offered to host a faculty workshop. I am in the process of planning these but could ideally do with one or two venues in the south of the diocese, so if you could host one in that area please let me know. Ideally I want to try and avoid anyone having to travel too far. I will be sending out details of dates and venues by the end of January.

### **Contractor Database**

Thank you to everyone who has sent me details of the contractors and suppliers that they have used for work on their church buildings. I have compiled an updated list of contractors that churches across the diocese have used. I plan to update this regularly so if you have lists of contractors that you have used, please continue to send them to me. The current contractor/supplier database can be found by clicking here.

### **DAC meeting dates**

I have attached the list of DAC meeting dates for 2023. The deadline for inclusion on the agenda is two weeks before however please let me know as soon as possible that you wish the DAC to discuss a proposal so that I can ensure the DAC have all the relevant documentation available for the meeting. The DAC are more than happy to offer informal advice on proposal before a formal faculty application is started. Just contact me if you need any advice.

### **Advice on the care of Ancient Buildings**

I came across these useful resources for ancient buildings that have been produced by The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and thought that some of you may find them useful.

They can be found at the following link [Technical Advice Notes | spab.org.uk](https://www.spab.org.uk/technical-advice)

### **Net-zero carbon report 2021**

The 2021 emissions report is [now live](#). The Church of England has seen a gradual but steady reduction in carbon in 2021, according to the latest data from its national Energy Footprint Tool (EFT). Meanwhile, more than 400 churches across England are now reporting 'net zero' carbon emissions, an increase of 157 on the previous year, as part of the most comprehensive data collection to date. I would encourage churches to join the EFT if you have not done so already, the sign-up is [here](#) through the link to the parish returns system.

Finally if you need any support regarding work on your buildings, please get in touch with me and I will do my best to find you the information that you require.

Kind regards

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