

Dear Churchwarden,

As we begin 2023, I would like to highlight a few items that may be of interest to you in regards to the care of your church buildings.

Faculty Workshops

I have planned a number of Faculty Workshops over the next 6 months to help those of you involved in work that will require a faculty or would just like to find out a bit more.

The format of these workshops will be as follows and it is anticipated that they will last approximately 2 hours:

- Brief overview of the faculty process including any recent changes.
- Overview of the Online Faculty System (OFS)
- Workshop session – opportunity to discuss issues with OFS, documentation, etc

Details of the dates and times can be found on the attached flyer and they can be booked by clicking on the link below, thank you to the churches who have offered to host these events.

<https://durhamdiocese.eventbrite.com>

Diocesan Website

I have recently done some work to the “Church Buildings” section of the diocesan website and it now contains some additional resources. The most recent Quinquennial Inspection Reports for each church that we have received are also on the website for information. I will be adding more information over the coming months.

If anyone has any difficulty navigating the website, the Church Buildings section can be accessed 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.

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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