

Gospel and Law

Easter Edition

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Editorial: Happy Easter and by the time you read this Happy Conference and AGM for those going to Bristol. In a bid to make this a joyful Eastertide and do away with care and sorrow various links and books are suggested to help with the APCM. It is hoped that the conference – and the next edition of Gospel and Law - will do the same with respect to the law of funerals and churchyards. There is also a little light relief on the theme of resurrection and dates of events to come.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings:

It is that time of year again when parishes are enjoined to hold their Annual Parochial Church Meetings, aka the Church's AGM. To assist with the process and any knotty problems that might arise, here are some links to useful sources of online information:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/churchlawlegis/church-representation-rules/church-representation-rules-online.aspx>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/churchlawlegis/church-representation-rules/part-ii.aspx>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/1701935/legal%20position%20of%20pcc%20members%20final.pdf>

[https://www.churchofengland.org/media/2162292/parishes%20with%20no%20cws%20or%20pccs%20\(revised\).pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/media/2162292/parishes%20with%20no%20cws%20or%20pccs%20(revised).pdf)

“PCCs will also need to comply with their obligations as charities, including the more onerous requirements imposed on those that are registered charities in relation to accounts, reports and returns and the notification of new PCC members to the Charity Commission.”

<https://www.gov.uk/change-your-charitys-details>

<https://www.gov.uk/running-charity>

And some books that may assist, in their latest published editions:

Your Church and the Law: A Simple Explanation and Guide – Canterbury Press – 22 Jan 2015
by David Parrott

Practical Church Management - Gracewing – 26 Feb 2014 by James Behrens

Handbook for Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councillors – Mowbray - 25 Mar 2010
by Kenneth MacMorran and Timothy Briden

ABC for the Pcc 5th Edition: A Handbook for Church Council Members – Continuum - 23 Apr 2008
by John Pitchford

And by way of a little light relief some reflections on Resurrection and what might happen if someone returns from the dead....

<http://lawandthemultiverse.com/2010/12/05/im-not-dead-yet-resurrection-and-probate-law/>

For Sale: single owner tomb; only used three days and still has that new tomb smell. Reason for sale.... Resident was resurrected. Cartoon by Jeff Larson at:

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/empty-tomb-for-sale-38038/>

And for more inspiration try Holy Humour Sunday as an alternative to Low Sunday...

<https://www.joyfulnoiseletter.com/hhsunday.asp>

HOT OFF THE PRESS.... And to be launched on Thursday 30th April at 6pm in the Temple

Magna Carta, Religion and the Rule of Law

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Contact mark.hill@ftb.eu.com for details and to attend the launch...

For those unable to attend, copies can be purchased online:

<http://www.cambridge.org/gb/academic/subjects/law/human-rights/magna-carta-religion-and-rule-law?format=PB>

Dates and events:

London Lectures 2015 at Winckworth Sherwood, Montague Close, London SE1 9BB

17th June - Aiden Hargreaves-Smith on the Diocese in Europe

14th October – Consideration of the House of Bishops' Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests covering Episcopal Provision for all Integrities; the panel will include Rt Rev Christopher Lowson Bishop of Lincoln, Rev Paul Benfield and Rev Dr Catherine Shelley

Charles Mynors on the faculty jurisdiction in the light of the new Care of Churches (Amendment) Measure will be deferred to 2016

The Biennial Residential Conference is this weekend (17th to 19th April 2015) in Bristol on "Funerals, Burial and Churchyards." The AGM will be on Saturday afternoon at 2.15pm. This will be the final conference presided over by Bishop Christopher as our Chairman. As usual we will be

electing the officers of the society at this year's AGM. However, this year Bishop Christopher (Chair), Claire Faulds (Vice Chair) and John Rees (Treasurer) will be standing down. This is therefore the time to think about nominations for new candidates for these posts. There are also three committee places open for election.

The Law and Religion Scholars Network Conference this year will be on Monday 11th May. There will also be an informal workshop held the day before on Sunday 10th May, in the afternoon at 2.30pm. The focus of the workshop will be your own current research in the field of law and religion. The workshop will take place at St Michael's College Cardiff and will be a separate event from LARSN. Whilst we hope that many people will opt to join us for both occasions, there will be no problem about choosing to attend one day or the other. More details will appear on the website (<http://www.law.cf.ac.uk/clr/networks/lrsn.html>) in due course. The call for LARSN papers will be opened in March as usual, but if you have any queries in the meantime please do get in touch (h.m.t.d.tennapel@law.leidenuniv.nl).

A reminder about the Inter Inn Mooting Competition:

The Societies' offer to sponsor the Inter Inn Student Mooting Competition for 2014 – 2015 with a prize of £500 has been welcomed. If this is a success it is hoped that the sponsorship may become established as a regular link for the Society with the Inns of Court and a valuable means of introducing future members of the Bar to the relevance and interest of Ecclesiastical Law. The Inner Temple, which was the winner last year, will be organising this year's competition and the three moots will take place in that Inn. The semi finals will both take place on Tuesday 23 June, using one problem, and the Final on Monday 13 July with another problem. The aim is that, as well as providing moot problems on topics concerned with Law and Religion, the Society will nominate judges. Other members will be welcome to attend. Further information may be obtained from David Harte at <harte.david@gmail.com>

Magna Carta events at the Temple Church – more information can be found at:

<http://www.templechurch.com/magna-carta-1215-2015-londons-temple-and-the-road-to-the-rule-of-law/>

The ELS Magna Carta Event will be on Monday 23rd November 2015. It begins at 6pm with Choral Evensong, includes an address by the Master on Temple Church and Magna Carta and concludes with drinks and canapés. Tickets are £50 (£90 non-members) and bookings are now open.