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The nature and diversity of
authority in Anglicanism



CONFERENCE PAPERS

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Welcome and Introduction

Trinity Hall is delighted to welcome the Ecclesiastical Law Society to the College for its Thirtieth Anniversary Conference.

Trinity Hall – An Introduction

Trinity Hall was founded by Bishop Bateman of Norwich in 1350, making it the fifth oldest surviving College of the University of Cambridge. Bishop Bateman originally founded the College to promote the study of canon and civil law, probably due to the shortage of clergymen and lawyers following the Black Death of 1349. To this day, the College maintains a very strong tradition in the study of Law.

The current site of the College originated from the purchase of a house from John de Crauden, Prior of Ely, for the use of his monks during their period of study in Cambridge in the early 14th century. The College has remained on this site for almost 700 years. The buildings of Front Court, including the Chapel, the Hall and the Master's Lodge, date from the late 14th century. Although little evidence remains of their medieval origins, from North Court the medieval windows and arches which remain on the back wall provide a glimpse of how the College may have looked in the 15th century. The buildings of The Hall changed little until the late 19th century, when an increase in the number of students prompted the construction of the Latham Building facing onto Latham Lawn, named after Henry Latham, Master from 1888-1902. The neighbouring Thornton Buildings were constructed in 1909. Both buildings were refurbished to a high standard in 2009, and now provide spacious, modern accommodation for first-year undergraduates.

The last century has seen the most comprehensive building programme since the College's foundation. The Bursary and two new staircases were built in North Court in the early part of the century. In 1975, provisions were made for a new Junior Combination Room, bar, music room, lecture theatre and terrace in an under-used court between the Old Library and the Latham Building. Following the construction of the Aula Bar and Crescent Room in 2009 in North Court, the old Junior Combination Room and bar have been refurbished to become a modern lecture theatre and reception room. In 1998 the College saw the completion of a new undergraduate library next to the Thornton Buildings. Overlooking the River Cam and housing 30,000 books, the Jerwood Library (named after its general sponsor, the Jerwood Foundation) has won particular acclaim for its unique design. Altogether, Trinity Hall, with its gardens, its architecture and its riverside site, hidden between its larger neighbours, is one of the most attractive colleges in Cambridge. Of course we are prejudiced, but Henry James went even further: 'If I were called upon to mention the prettiest corner of the world, I should draw a thoughtful sigh and point the way to the gardens of Trinity Hall.'

A Brief History of the Chapel

The Chapel was built by 1366 at the south-west corner of the main court, next to the hall on the west side. On 30 May 1352 the Bishop of Ely had given licence to the Master and Fellows to build a suitable Chapel or oratory to be served by a chaplain without prejudice to the parish church of St John Zachary.

The founder gave certain books and ornaments for a chapel and directed his executors to give a large number of more. In August 1366 Pope Urban V granted the petition of the Master and Fellows to celebrate mass and other divine offices 'in the chapel built and founded within the same'. There are no records of the building operations, but an account survives of small repairs in 1513, and a piscina discovered in 1864 behind plaster is probably a part of the original fittings. The earliest monument is the fine full-length brass, originally over the grave of Walter Hewke in the centre of the Chapel but removed in 1730 to the ante-Chapel.

The original Chapel must have been richly decorated with the ornaments provided by the founder for the three altars. Nothing is known of the effect of the Reformation upon its appearance but in 1643 the Puritan William Dowsing, charged by Parliament to remove all traces of popery in the eastern counties, found nothing to destroy save one inscription 'orate pro anima' on a gravestone. In 1729-30 the Chapel was completely redecorated under the auspices of Sir Nathanael Lloyd, Master, who converted it into what Cole called 'a neat and elegant small room, more like a Chapel of a Nobleman's family than of a Society'.

The new wainscotting extended at the east end up to the ceiling and enclosed a large oil painted by Stella, bought in Flanders and given by one of the Fellows; the ceiling was arched in brick with stucco and adorned with 15 coats of arms on bosses; the painted glass was removed, the floor was paved with white marble, and several gravestones and brasses were removed to the ante-Chapel. Lloyd had a vault dug under the Chapel for his own grave and gave directions for his own wall monument, which was erected after his death in 1741 opposite the simpler marble tablet which had been set up about 1708 in memory and at the wish of Dr Eden.

In 1864 the length of the Chapel was increased by eight feet eastwards, and in 1922 a room over the ante-Chapel was converted into a gallery in order to house an organ and introduce music for the first time. In 1957 Stella's picture was replaced with Manzuoli's *Salutation* (c 1570) on permanent loan from the Fitzwilliam Museum, minor alterations being made in the panelling to accommodate it. The painting depicts the pregnant Mary's visit to Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, as recounted in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel. In other respects the chapel has still kept the general appearance given to it in 1730.

Underneath the 18th century façade, the walls of the original medieval building remain in place. There are a few signs left of the Chapel's antiquity. The piscina can be found behind a hinged door in the officiant's stall, which is close to the east end of the Chapel, on the right facing the altar. There is a pointed arch in one corner of the ante-Chapel, and there are medieval buttresses on the outside south wall of the Chapel (in South Court). Otherwise, Nathanael Lloyd's refurbishment was comprehensive, and survives largely intact, with the exception of the 1864 extension eastwards of the Chapel, which created a raised platform for the altar and would have reflected the mid-19th century Anglican revival of interest in eucharistic worship, and the organ gallery created in 1922. There is a separate brief guide available to the 15 coats of arms on the Chapel ceiling.

Little indeed has been added to the Chapel since Nathanael Lloyd's alterations, but the modern visitor might like to notice in particular the two stained-glass windows designed by John Heywood and installed in the ante-Chapel in 1980 to mark the elevation of Robert Runcie, a former Dean of the College, to the See of Canterbury. Today the Chapel continues to serve the College community as a whole, with regular services during term time and weddings, baptisms, memorial and other services as occasion demands throughout the year. Worship is in accordance with the rites of the Church of England, but members of all Christian churches and of none are warmly welcome to attend. The Chapel continues to support a choir and organ scholars.

The Conference Theme

In the 500th anniversary year of Luther's obedience to the authority of conscience and Scripture and opposition to the authority of Rome, the Ecclesiastical Law Society's Thirtieth Anniversary Conference will consider the nature of authority in the Church of England today at both national and parochial level and globally as a component Province of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The complex constitutional make-up of the Church of England, its character as a national Church established by law, and its mixed economy of Episcopal leadership and Synodical governance authority, with a broad spectrum of theologies and integrities, provide opportunities for stimulating debate and engagement. At a time of Reform and Renewal, the revisiting and enlargement of traditional parochial structures such as church planting, Bishop's Mission Orders, 'virtual churches', and transnational ecclesial relationships, the challenge for authority is significant.

This conference seeks to consider the order and authority of the Church in the twenty-first century and how the Ecclesiastical Law of the Church of England is adapting to developments in the institutional structures of the church, and meeting the expectations and understandings of the faithful.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

PLEASE NOTE THAT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED
ALL SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LECTURE THEATRE

FRIDAY 31 MARCH

- 3.00 pm **Registration.** *Tea available from 4.00pm*
- 5.30 pm **EVENING PRAYER in the Chapel**
The Conference Chaplain: Ven Stephen Taylor, Archdeacon of Maidstone
- 6.30 pm *Bar open.* (Brief meeting for volunteers for Choir on Sunday)
- 7.30 pm *Dinner in the Dining Hall*, followed at table, by
- INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS ON THE THEOLOGY OF AUTHORITY**
Revd Dr Sam Wells, Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields, introduced by Mark Hill QC
- Bar open after Dinner*

SATURDAY 1 APRIL

- 7.30am **MORNING PRAYER in the Chapel**
- 8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION in the Chapel**
- 8.15 am *Breakfast in Dining Hall*
- 9.15 am **Session 1: FORMS OF AUTHORITY IN TODAY'S CHURCH**
Chaired by **Mrs Caroline Mockford**, Registrar, Province and Diocese of York
- KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Professor Norman Doe, Director of Centre for Law and Religion, Cardiff University.
Authority Ancient and Modern: Natural Law and Legal Positivism in the English Church from the Thirteenth to the Twentieth Centuries
- Mr Stephen Slack**, Chief Legal Advisor, Archbishops' Council
Legislative Authority and Soft Law in the Church of England
- 10.50 am *Tea/coffee in Terrace Room*
- 11.15 am **Session 2: AUTHORITY IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION**
Chaired by **Revd Canon John Rees**, Canterbury Provincial Registrar and Legal Adviser to the Anglican Communion Council
- Revd Canon Dr Philip Groves** formerly member of the Anglican Consultative Council in conversation with **Revd Dr Catherine Shelley**
- 12.00 **AGM**
- 12.50 pm *Bar open*

- 1.15 pm *Lunch in Dining Hall*
- 2.15 pm **Session 3: WORKSHOPS** in Lecture Theatre & other rooms, tba
- Episcopal vs Synodical Authority
 - The status of soft law and quasi-legislation in the Church of England
 - Authority in the traditional parish – including during interregna
 - New forms of being parish – new forms of authority?
 - Transnational authority - walking together in global Anglicanism
- 3.30 pm **Session 4: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ECCLESIASTICAL LAW**
 Chaired by **Sue de Candole**, Registrar of Salisbury and Winchester
- Ruth Arlow**, Chancellor of Norwich and Salisbury
- 4.15 pm *Tea in Terrace Room*
- 4.30 pm **Session 5: EVOLVING MODELS OF AUTHORITY: CHURCH PLANTS, BISHOP'S MISSION ORDERS**
 Chaired by **Valerie James**, Churchwarden and retired Solicitor
- Rt Revd Ric Thorpe** Bishop of Islington, in conversation with
Revd Dr Catherine Shelley
- 5.30 pm **EVENING PRAYER in the Chapel** (followed by Choir Practice)
- 6.00 pm *Bar open*
- 7.30 pm **CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION** - Graham Storey Room
- 8.00 pm **DINNER (Black Tie) - Dining Hall:**
- SPEAKER: Sir John Laws**, formerly Lord Justice of Appeal
- Bar open after dinner*

SUNDAY 2 APRIL

- 7.40 am **MORNING PRAYER in the Chapel**
- 8.00 am *Breakfast in Dining Hall*
- 9.00 am **PLENARY SESSION: AUTHORITY IN PRACTICE AND MINISTRY FOR ARCHDEACONS, PAROCHIAL CLERGY AND CHURCHWARDENS**
- Facilitated by **Dr Charles Mynors**, Chancellor of Worcester with
Ven Dr Jane Steen, Archdeacon of Southwark
Neil Petersen, Churchwarden of St Benet's Cambridge
Revd Canon Lucy Winkett, Vicar, St James, Piccadilly
- 10.30 am *Tea/coffee available*

11.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION – CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL**

PRESIDENT: Right Revd Christine Hardman, Bishop of Newcastle

PREACHER: Revd Canon Lucy Winkett, Vicar, St James, Piccadilly

The Massed Choir of the ELS; organist Stephen Borton

12.30 pm Depart

There is no provision for lunch at Trinity Hall, but plenty of cafes and restaurants to be found nearby for anyone wanting a meal before departure

INFORMATION FOR WORKSHOPS

- Episcopal vs Synodical Authority
*Chaired by **Revd Paul Benfield**, General Synod member*
Who has the last word, Synod or the Bishops? Has the answer to this question become less clear following a certain 'take note' debate? What is their relationship and respective spheres of authority? Which should have the last word?
- The status of soft law and quasi-legislation in the Church of England
*Chaired by **Susan Newell**, Solicitor Lee Bolton Monier-Williams*
What sort of things constitute the soft law of the Church of England? What status do they have and should they have? How is their authority enforced?
- Authority in the traditional parish – including during interregna
*Chaired by **Ven Simon Baker**, Archdeacon of Lichfield, ELS Committee*
The authority of the incumbent and what co-operating with the PCC really means; the relationship between incumbent and wardens; the relationship between incumbent and PCC, first among equals as trustees? The authority of the Bishop in relation to his licensed officers
- New forms of being parish – new forms of authority?
*Chaired by **Rt Revd Pete Broadbent**, Bishop of Willesden & acting Bishop of London*
Authority in BMOs and other Fresh Expressions; who holds the licensed leader accountable? Authority and relationships between traditional parish and the BMO in its midst. Holding to account non-ordained leaders.
- Transnational authority - walking together in global Anglicanism
*Chaired by **Elizabeth Wilson**, ELS Committee & Wrigleys Solicitors*
What does it mean to walk together in a Communion without a Pope? What force in ecclesiastical law do the international bonds of unity have? If this is not legal, what authority is there for some parts of the Communion to sanction others?

Speakers' Biographies

Revd Dr Sam Wells, on Theology of Authority.

Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields. Sam has served as a parish priest for 18 years – 10 of those in urban priority areas. He also spent 7 years in North Carolina where he was Dean of Duke University Chapel. Sam is also Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics at King's College. He has published 27 books, including works on Christian ethics and collections of sermons. He is married to Jo Wells, Bishop of Dorking.

Professor Norman Doe, Cardiff University on Authority Ancient and Modern: Natural Law and Legal Positivism in the English Church from the thirteenth to the twentieth centuries.

Norman is Director of the Centre for Law and Religion at Cardiff Law School, which he set up in 1998, having founded the LLM in Canon Law at Cardiff Law School in 1991. In 2002 he also set up the LLB module Law and Religion. His publications include *Fundamental Authority in Late Medieval English Law* (Cambridge, 1990), *The Legal Framework of the Church of England* (Oxford, 1996), *Canon Law in the Anglican Communion* (Oxford, 1998), *The Law of the Church in Wales* (Cardiff, 2002), *An Anglican Covenant: Theological and Legal Considerations for a Global Debate* (Canterbury Press, 2008), *Law and Religion in Europe* (Oxford, 2011), and *Christian Law: Contemporary Principles* (Cambridge, 2013). He is an associate/visiting professor at the University of Paris and at KU Leuven, and was a visiting fellow Trinity College Oxford 2011 and visiting scholar Corpus Christi College Oxford 2015. He was a member of the Legal Advisory Commission of the Church of England, deputy chancellor, Diocese of Manchester and a consultant to the Anglican Primates and member of the Lambeth Commission (2003-2004), Windsor Report (2004). In 2012 he was appointed as Chancellor of the Diocese of Bangor. His book *The Legal Architecture of English Cathedrals* is to be published by Routledge in the summer of 2017.

Stephen Slack, Registrar of the General Synod and Chief Legal Adviser to the Archbishops' Council on Legislative Authority and Soft Law in the Church of England.

As Head of the Legal Office of the National Church Institutions, Stephen is also the Church Commissioners' Official Solicitor. Following his degree from Christ Church, Oxford Stephen served as a solicitor in private practice (1979-84) before taking senior legal roles with the Charity Commission, first in Liverpool then in Taunton, between 1984 and 2001, when he came to Church House.

Revd Canon Dr Philip Groves on Authority in the Anglican Communion.

Philip worked for the Anglican Communion Office for over ten years, firstly as Facilitator for the Listening Process and then as Director of Continuing Indaba – the Anglican Communion's conflict transformation and reconciliation ministry. He is passionate about not simply managing conflict but transforming it. He is a missiologist and his PhD developed a model of partnership from Philippians central to the Church of England's World Mission Policy. In 2008 he edited *The Anglican Communion and Homosexuality* and co-authored the highly acclaimed book *Living Reconciliation* in 2014. He returned to parish ministry in July 2016 and is now Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice in Oxford Diocese.

Ruth Arlow on Recent Developments in Ecclesiastical Law.

Ruth is a barrister specialising in ecclesiastical law and sits as Chancellor of the Dioceses of Norwich and Salisbury. She holds an LLM in Canon Law from Cardiff University and is Case Notes Editor for the Ecclesiastical Law Journal. Ruth serves the Church of England on the Legal Advisory Commission and is an Associate Lecturer on the BPTC at Bristol Law School.

Rt Revd Ric Thorpe on Evolving Models of Authority: Church Plants, Bishop's Mission Orders.

Prior to his appointment as Bishop of Islington in September 2015, Bishop Ric was the Bishop of London's Adviser for Church Planting and Rector of St Paul's Shadwell. The role of Bishop of Islington (revived following vacancy since 1923) is to support London's Capital Vision 2020, aiming to create 100 new worshipping communities within the Diocese by 2020. Bishop Ric also works nationally to support dioceses across the Church of England to plant new churches. He is the Bishops' Advocate for Fresh Expressions, runs the Centre for Church Planting and Growth in association with the London Diocese, and is Tutor in Church Planting at St Mellitus College. He is married to Louie and they have three children.

Sir John Laws, Dinner Speaker (Saturday).

Sir John is the current Goodhart Visiting Professor of Legal Science at the University of Cambridge, and an Honorary Fellow of Robinson College. He had a distinguished career at the Bar, notably as Treasury Devil, when he acted for the British Government in a wide range of matters, including the long-running *Factortame* litigation, addressing the interplay between EU law and domestic legislation. Sir John was appointed as a High Court Judge in 1992, and subsequently to the Court of Appeal in 1999 serving as a Lord Justice of Appeal until his retirement in 2016. He is the author of many articles on public law, and delivered the Hamlyn Lectures in 2013, subsequently published by Cambridge University Press as *The Common Law Constitution* (2014). He is a member of the Editorial Board of the *Ecclesiastical Law Journal* and a regular contributor of book reviews. He is married to Sophie, a New Testament scholar and historian.

Dr Charles Mynors. Since August 2016 Charles has been working for the Law Commission leading a project to consolidate and codify planning law in Wales. He was previously a planning barrister at Francis Taylor Building. He is Chancellor of Worcester Diocese and recently finished 'Changing Churches: a practical guide to the faculty system', published by Bloomsbury in 2016. He is currently working on the 5th edition of 'Listed Buildings and Other Heritage Assets', due to be published later in 2017. In his spare time he is a Churchwarden in London.

Neil Petersen Churchwarden of St Benet's Cambridge and Barrister specialising in Family and Criminal Law at 2 Dr Johnson's Buildings.

Ven Dr Jane Steen. Jane has been Archdeacon of Southwark since 2013 having been Canon Chancellor, Canon Theologian and Director of Ministerial Education for Southwark Diocese from 2005 to 2013 and Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark from 1999 to 2005. Her doctorate was entitled 'Samuel Johnson and aspects of Anglicanism'. Her recent academic exploration has taken her to Cardiff to study for the LLM in Canon Law.

Revd Canon Lucy Winkett. Lucy was ordained in 1995, having worked previously as a professional soprano. She served her title in Manor Park, Newham before becoming the first woman priest appointed at St Paul's Cathedral, later becoming Canon Precentor. She has been Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly since 2010. Her broadcasting includes Radio 4's Thought for the Day and more generally features on religion, gender and contemporary issues. She was a founding advisor for the public theology think tank "Theos" and the co-founder of "Leading Women", a national development programme for women clergy. Her book "Our Sound is Our Wound" (Continuum 2010) was the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2010.

Rt Revd Christine Hardman. Appointed the 12th Bishop of Newcastle in 2015, Christine had previously served as Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich, Southwark Diocese from 2001 to 2012. She has also been a Rural Dean in Stevenage, St Albans and Warden of Readers. She has served as a member of General Synod from 1998 (with two small gaps) to the present, with work on the Eucharistic Prayers Revision Committee, the Dioceses and Pastoral Measures Review Group and the Ethical Investment Advisory Group as well as the legislation to allow women to be bishops. She was Prolocutor of the Province of Canterbury in the Synod 2010-2015 and served on the Archbishop's Council.

Abstracts

Norman Doe - Natural law has played a pivotal role historically in Christian approaches to the nature, purpose and authority of law; it connects law and morals and proposes in part that humanly-created rules which fail to meet universal moral standards may not acquire the status of law. Natural law has however played a contested role in legal philosophy generally, in which it is contrasted with legal positivism: this tends to separate law and morals and proposes that a humanly-created rule may have the status of law regardless of its moral quality. This paper outlines the development of these two schools of thought in the historical development of ecclesiastical law in England. It also proposes how natural law thinking may be used today in the ecumenical movement worldwide, by exploring the contemporary natural law positions of different Christian traditions and its use in the legal systems of churches across the traditions studied.

Stephen Slack - This session will explore the nature of the General Synod's extensive legislative powers, the constraints on their exercise and how the Synod in practice exercises its legislative authority in the different ways open to it. It will go on to consider both the ways in which (to enable ecclesiastical law to serve the changing needs of the Church more effectively) its approach to legislating is changing and what the implications of those changes may be for the exercise of authority by others in the Church.

Ruth Arlow - Ruth will review the jurisprudence of the Consistory Courts of the Church of England over the last twelve months.

Ric Thorpe - Since 2000, *Church Planting* and *Fresh Expressions* are phrases that have been growing in popularity in the Church of England. In a sense they are new words, but they represent old practices that have been part and parcel of our tradition for centuries. In this talk, Bishop Ric will tell his own story of church planting from Holy Trinity Brompton and St Paul's Shadwell, explore some history of church planting, and address ways that the London Diocese is tackling the need for providing appropriate legal structures to enable the creation of new churches, reaching new people, in new places, in new ways.

Booklist

- 1) Institutionalizing Rights and Religion
Competing Supremacies
Batnitzky, Leora Dagan, Hanoch Published: Not yet published - available from March 2017
- 2) The Governance of EU Fundamental Rights
Dawson, Mark Published: February 2017
- 3) Constitution Writing, Religion and Democracy
Bâli, Aslı Ü. Lerner, Hanna Published: February 2017
- 4) Boundaries of Loyalty
Testimony against Fellow Jews in Non-Jewish Courts
Berman, Saul J. Published: December 2016
- 5) Christianity and Freedom
Hertzke, Allen D. Shah, Timothy Samuel Published: December 2016
Volume 1. Historical Perspectives Volume 2. Contemporary Perspectives
- 6) Law and Religion in American History
Public Values and Private Conscience
McGarvie, Mark Douglas Published: August 2016
- 7) God and the Secular Legal System
Domingo, Rafael Published: September 2016
- 8) The Confluence of Law and Religion
Interdisciplinary Reflections on the Work of Norman Doe
Cranmer, Frank QC, Mark Hill Kenny, Celia (+ 1 other) Published: May 2016
- 9) Changing Churches: A Practical Guide to the Faculty System
Charles Mynors – Bloomsbury – June 2016
- 10) Ethical exploration in a multifaith society
Catherine Shelley – Palgrave Macmillan – if ready; due to be published 03.2017
- 11) Christian Law Paperback – 3 Dec 2015 by Norman Doe - Paperback: 450 pages Publisher: Cambridge University Press; Reprint edition (3 Dec. 2015) Language: English ISBN-10: 1316500659 ISBN-13: 978-1316500651
- 12) Canon Law in the Anglican Communion: A Worldwide Perspective Hardcover – 2 Jul 1998 - Hardcover: 434 pages Publisher: OUP Oxford (2 July 1998) Language: English ISBN-10: 0198267827 ISBN-13: 978-0198267829
- 13) The legal framework of the Church of England: A critical study in comparative context - Norman Doe - Oxford University Press - ISBN-10: 0198262205 ISBN-13 978-0198262206
- 14) F. D. Maurice and the Crisis of Christian Authority (Christian Theology in Context) Paperback – 15 Jul 2008 - Publisher: Oxford University Press, USA; Reprint edition (15 July 2008) Language: English ISBN-10: 0199545316 ISBN-13: 978-0199545315
- 15) What Anglicans Believe: An Introduction Kindle Edition
by Sam Wells (Author) - Print Length: 152 pages Publisher: Canterbury Press (25 Oct. 2011)

- 16) A Nazareth Manifesto Paperback – 29 May 2015 by Samuel Wells - Paperback: 336 pages Publisher: Wiley-Blackwell; 1 edition (29 May 2015) Language: English ISBN-10: 0470673265 - ISBN-13: 978-0470673263
- 17) In Search of Authority: Anglican Theological Method from the Reformation to the Enlightenment (In Search of Authority 1) by Paul Avis (Author) - Print Length: 415 pages Page Numbers Source ISBN: 0567328465 Publisher: Bloomsbury T&T Clark; 1 edition (13 Mar. 2014)
- 18) Authority in the Church: Challenge for Anglicans 7 Sep 1990 by G. R. Evans - Paperback: 166 pages Publisher: Canterbury Press Norwich; 1st Edition edition (7 Sept. 1990) Language: English ISBN-10: 1853110175 ISBN-13: 978-1853110177
- 19) Apostolic Women, Apostolic Authority (Canterbury Studies in Anglicanism) by Christina Rees (Author, Editor), Rosalind Brown (Author), Clare Amos (Author), & 1 more - Paperback: 217 pages Publisher: Canterbury Press Norwich (30 Sept. 2010) Language: English ISBN-10: 1848250401 ISBN-13: 978-1848250406
- 20) The Works of Richard Hooker: Of The Laws Of Ecclesiastical Polity, A Remedy Against Sorrow And Fear, A Learned Sermon Of The Nature Of Pride, and More (8 Books With Active Table of Contents) by Richard Hooker (Author), Izaak Walton (Author), John Keble (Editor) -
- 21) Richard Hooker and the Authority of Scripture, Tradition and Reason Paperback – 31 Mar 2005 by Nigel Atkinson (Author) - Publisher: Regent College Publishing (31 Mar. 2005) Language: English ISBN-10: 1573833347 ISBN-13: 978-1573833349
- 22) Richard Hooker and Anglican Moral Theology Hardcover – 23 Feb 2012 by A.J. Joyce - Publisher: OUP Oxford (23 Feb. 2012) Language: English ISBN-10: 0199216169 ISBN-13: 978-0199216161
- 23) The Church of England - Charity Law and Human Rights (Ius Gentium: Comparative Perspectives on Law and Justice) Paperback– 27 Aug 2016 by Kerry O'Halloran (Author) - Paperback: 260 pages Publisher: Springer; Softcover reprint of the original 1st ed. 2014 edition (27 Aug. 2016) Language: English ISBN-10: 3319350609 ISBN-13: 978-3319350608
- 24) Reverend Rebels: Five Victorian Clerics and Their Fight Against Authority Paperback – 15 Nov 1993 by Bernard Palmer (Author) Paperback: 240 pages Publisher: Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd (15 Nov. 1993) Language: English ISBN-10: 0232520372 ISBN-13: 978-0232520378
- 25) A Church Fully Engaged: Yves Congar's Vision of Ecclesial Authority Paperback – 1 Oct 2011 by Fr. Anthony Oelrich (Author) Paperback: 176 pages Publisher: Michael Glazier (1 Oct. 2011) Language: English ISBN-10: 0814657974 ISBN-13: 978-0814657973
- 26) Latter-Day Dissent: At the Crossroads of Intellectual Inquiry and Ecclesiastical Authority Paperback – 13 May 2011 by Philip Lindholm (Editor), Diarmaid MacCulloch (Foreword) Paperback: 236 pages Publisher: Greg Kofford Books Inc; 1st edition (13 May 2011) Language: English ISBN-10: 1589581288 ISBN-13: 978-1589581289

Past Conferences

1987	Inaugural Conference, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
1988	The approach of the Roman Catholic Church to Canon Law - London
1989	Ethics and the Role of Law – Nottingham University
1990	Church and State; Rome, Canterbury and the Law & International Report - London
1991	Establishment – Bane or Blessing – Cardiff University
1992	The Parson's Freehold and Clergy Discipline, London
1993	Law, Grace and Liberty, St John's College, Ripon
1994	The role of the Lord Chancellor, London
1995	The break with Rome and Anglican identity, Magdalen College, Oxford
1996	Liturgy and Law, London
1997	Practical Parish Problems, Manchester University
1998	Church Unity, London
1999	Initiation into the Church of England, York University
2000	Deployment of the Clergy, London
2001	Religious Liberty and Human Rights, Trinity Hall, Cambridge
2002	The Shape of Things to Come, London
2003	Safeguarding the Sacred in Society: the Future Role of the National Church, St John's College, Durham
2004	Doctrine and Discipline, York
2005	Mission Impossible? An exploration of the interface of Ecclesiastical Law and Mission, Bath
2006	Law, gender and religious belief, London
2007	The Anglican Communion: Crisis and Opportunity, Liverpool
2008	The implications of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure, London
2009	I will build my Church: Buildings as Mission Opportunities, Cardiff
2010	Freedom of Religion: Protection or Equality? 10 years after the Human Rights Act, London
2011	Come High, Come Low: the Future of Establishment and the Public Role of the Church of England in the 21 st Century, Leeds
2012	Silver Jubilee Conference. Church and State: International and Comparative Perspectives, featuring Professor Silvio Ferrari, Professor John Witte and Professor Julian Rivers, Cambridge
2013	Shaping the Future of Parochial Ministry, Birmingham
2014	Safeguarding, London
2015	Funerals, Burials and Churchyards, Bristol
2016	Freedom of/from Religion (keynote address Baroness Hale), London
2017	The Thirtieth Anniversary Conference: Nature and Diversity of Authority in Anglicanism, Trinity Hall, Cambridge

Looking forward

2018	Educating Clergy and Laity in Ecclesiastical Law, St Bride's Institute, London
2019	Re-establishment in the Twenty First Century: Imagining a post-Elizabethan Church of England

Attendance list

Mr	Andreas	Aarflot	Adviser on Church Order, Church of Norway
Chancellor	Ruth	Arlow	Chancellor, Dioceses of Norwich and Salisbury
The Revd	Phil	Ashey	
Canon			
The Rt Revd	Jonathan	Baker	Bishop of Fulham
The Ven	Simon	Baker	Archdeacon of Lichfield
Mr	Paul	Barber	ELS Committee member
The Very	Tim	Barker	Dean of Guernsey
Revd			
Mrs	Judy	Barker	
The Revd	Paul	Benfield	General Synod member, Diocese of Blackburn
Mr	Ian	Blaney	Solicitor, Lee Bolton Monier-Williams
	Dwight	Bliss QC	Canada
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Canon			
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		QC	
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Mrs	Jane	Clarke	
The Revd	Tim	Clarke	Deputy Chancellor, Diocese of Derby
The Revd	Susan	Collier	
Dr			
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Mr	Howard	Connell	Deputy Chancellor and Reader, Diocese of Sodor and Man
The Rt Revd	Stephen	Conway	Bishop of Ely
Ms	Lynette	Costello	
The Revd	Jeremy	Cresswell	
Canon			
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The Revd	Adrian	Daffern	Assistant Archdeacon of Dorchester
Canon			
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	Sue	de Candole	Registrar, Dioceses of Winchester and Salisbury
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Professor	Norman	Doe	Professor Norman Doe, Cardiff University
Mr	George	Duncan	Solicitor, Charles Russell Speechlys LLP

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	Cordelia	Hall	Deputy Registrar, Diocese of Oxford
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Mr	Roger	Hardman	
Mr	David	Harte	Former ELS Committee member
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Mrs	Val	James	Churchwarden
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Mr	David	Lamming	Barrister and General Synod member
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Canon			
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Canon			
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The Ven	Norman	Russell	
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Mr	Kevin	Tang	Eight Wentworth Chambers, NSW Australia
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Mr	Neil	Turpin	ELS, Deputy Secretary
Mr	Adrian	Vincent	Bar Council: Policy
Mr	Chris	Vyse	Solicitor, Charles Russell Speechlys LLP
Mr	Peter	Wagon	Pastoral Team Manager, Church Commissioners

Mrs	Tanya	Wagon	
The Revd	Sam	Wells	Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields
Dr			
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	Caroline	Wilson	Solicitor, Wrigleys Solicitors
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Canon Dr			
Mrs	Charlotte	Wright	

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ECCLESIASTICAL LAW SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the
Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Law Society will take place during the
Residential Conference at Trinity Hall Cambridge
on **Saturday 1st April 2017** at noon
for the transaction of the following business

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To approve the Minutes of the Twenty-Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 12th March 2016 (attached).
3. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Society.
4. To receive a report on the finances of the Society (independently examined Accounts to 30th June 2016).
5. To elect a Committee:

The total number of members of the Committee shall not exceed seventeen. Candidates shall each be proposed and seconded by members of the Society and shall be elected by a vote amongst those members present and voting at the annual meeting. Candidates may be proposed and seconded at the meeting. However, the printed ballot paper will include the names only of those candidates whose nominations are received by the Secretary on or before 27th March 2017. The ballot paper will include blank spaces for electors to write in the names of any additional candidates for whom they wish to vote. In addition, candidates are invited to produce a short election address (no longer than 300 words on one side of A 4 paper). If the Secretary receives candidates' election addresses by 27th March 2017 these will be copied and given out to members attending with their conference papers. Candidates who produce an election address after this date should bring sufficient copies with them to circulate at the meeting

- (a) To elect the Officers of the Society for the ensuing year, viz.:- the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Treasurer.
 - (i) election of Chairman: The Worshipful Professor Mark Hill QC offers himself for election.
 - (ii) election of Vice-Chairman: The Revd Canon John Rees offers himself for election.
 - (iii) election of Secretary: Stephen Borton offers himself for election.
 - (iv) election of Deputy Secretary: Neil Turpin offers himself for election.
 - (v) election of Treasurer: Darren Oliver offers himself for election.
- (b) To elect three members to the General Committee for an ensuing three-year term and to elect one member due to retire by rotation in 2018. The Revd Canon David Felix, The Revd Dr Catherine Shelley and Dr Peter Smith retire by rotation. Canon Felix and Peter Smith do not wish to stand as an elected member for another three year term. The

Revd Dr Catherine Shelley is willing to be considered for re-election. The resignation of the Ven Stuart Beake creates a casual vacancy.

6. To receive the Editor's report on the Journal.
7. To approve in principle the Society reconstituting itself as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
8. To receive a report from the Revd Russell Dewhurst on the website.
9. To receive a report from the Ven Simon Baker on behalf of the Education Committee.
10. To consider any other resolution of which the Secretary shall have received written notice at least 14 days before the Meeting.
11. To note forthcoming Ecclesiastical Law Society dates:
London Lectures: 11th June and 21st October 2017 at Winckworth Sherwood, London.
Saturday 17 March 2018: AGM and Day Conference at the St Bride Foundation, Bride Lane, Fleet St, London, EC4Y 8EQ.
12. Any other business which the Chairman in his discretion may allow.

7th March 2017
STEPHEN BORTON, Secretary,
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Charity Commission registration number: 296553

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW SOCIETY

Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting

**held at the St Bride Foundation, Bride Lane, Fleet St London at 10.30 am
on Saturday, 18th April 2016**

The Acting Chairman (The Worshipful Professor Mark Hill QC) in the Chair:

1. Apologies

The apologies were taken as read and a full list of apologies is preserved in the Minute Book together with those present.

2. Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held on 18th April 2015

The Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held on 18th April 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Report

A copy of the Chairman's report had been circulated and there were no questions or comments arising from it. He warmly thanked those who had contributed much to the Society in the course of the last year and, in particular, thanked the Committee for their support, Peter Smith for his work with the London Lectures, Catherine Shelley for her work with the Newsletter and Sarah Neden and Andrew Male for their work with events and administration.. He was pleased to report progress with three new Working Parties (as hoped for by the former Chairman, the Rt Revd Dr Christopher Hill DD) on: 1) amending and repealing legislation; 2) a review of Church buildings; and 3) the review of marriage law by the Law Commission. He warmly thanked all those involved with these Working Parties and invited the membership to volunteer to help with any ongoing work. He also reported on progress with making the promotion of canon law in education a priority for the Society and recorded his thanks to David Parrott and others who were now working in a sub-Committee in this field. Finally, he thanked outgoing members of the Committee for their work, in particular Howard Dellar for his work as Secretary.

4. The Society's Finances

The examined accounts for the period of 12 months to 30 June 2015 had been circulated and were presented and approved.

5. Election of Officers

The President (Dr Sheila Cameron, CBE QC) took the Chair for this item.

The Vice-Chairman (The Worshipful Professor Mark Hill QC), the Chairman (Canon John Rees), the Treasurer (Mr Darren Oliver), and the Deputy Secretary (Stephen Borton) all offered themselves for election as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer and Secretary respectively and were duly elected. Neil Turpin offered himself for election as Deputy Secretary and was duly elected. The former Secretary (Howard Dellar) stood down.

6. Elections to the General Committee

The Chairman reported that there had been four nominations for three vacancies on the General Committee, all duly nominated and seconded: Frank Cranmer, The Revd Russell Dewhurst, The Rt Revd Christopher Lowson, and Mrs Lizzie Wilson stood for election and Frank Cranmer, The Revd Russell Dewhurst and Mrs Lizzie Wilson were duly elected. The Chairman said that the General Committee would be considering a proposal to co-opt people with expertise useful to the Society as defined in the Constitution and not represented on the current Committee at its next meeting.

7. The Ecclesiastical Law Journal

The Editor gave a report on the Journal. Matters remained healthy and he thanked the Editorial Board for their work.

8. Other resolutions

There were none.

9. Forthcoming ELS events

Members noted dates as follows: London Lectures: 16 March; 22 June and 19 October 2016 at Winckworth Sherwood, London. Choral Evensong at Temple Church on 23 November . AGM and Residential Conference at Trinity Hall Cambridge from 31March to 2 April 2017.

10. Any Other Business

Members present noted that work was proceeding with a comprehensive collection of electronic Ecclesiastical Law Judgments.

Signed

Dated

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW SOCIETY

Registered charity number: 296553

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2016

Receipts	Notes	2015/16	2014/15
		£	£
Members' Subscriptions		24,838	25,210
Conference and events fees:			
2015 (Residential) Conference		-	24,490
2016 (Day) Conference		4,254	-
2017 (Residential) Conference		9,490	-
Lyndwood Lecture		-	3,400
Magna Carta event, Temple Church (refund)		3,600	540
Education: training event		60	-
CUP royalty payments		3,784	2,637
Interest Received		172	208
Total Income		46,198	56,485
Payments	Notes	2015/16	2014/15
		£	
Society Activities:			
Journal Costs	4	9,000	9,042
Conference and events costs:			
2015 (Residential) Conference		403	22,173
2016 (Day) Conference		3,573	701
Lyndwood Lecture		-	4,900
Magna Carta event at Temple Church		-	3,600
Grants Awards and Presentations		1,400	800
Administration costs:			
Honorarium (Education Adviser)		1,750	1,750
Website		500	475
Other Administrative Costs	5	17,826	14,985
Auditor's fees		720	-
Bank and Subscription Collection Charges		324	553
Total Expenditure		35,496	58,979
Surplus of Receipts over Payments		10,702	-2,494
Current assets at start of year		42,957	45,451
Current assets at end of year		53,659	42,957

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2016

Assets	Notes	2015/16	2014/15
		£	£
Cash at Bankers: RBS		-	7,850
Cash at Bankers: COIF Deposit		32,617	32,470
CAF Bank		21,042	2,637
Total Current Assets		53,659	42,957

NOTES to accounts for the year ending 30 June 2016:

1. All the funds of the Society are unrestricted as defined by the Charities Act 2011.
2. These accounts cover the period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.
3. Members subscriptions are collected by cheque, direct debit, electronic transfer or credit card via the Society's website, and recorded on a cash basis.
4. The Society remains responsible for honoraria for the Editor and the Assistant Editor, and their related costs and expenses as indicated. In 2015/16 these totalled £9,000.
5. The administrative costs included the salary of the Administrator set by the Committee at £12,900, his expenses and other administrative costs, e.g. Travel expenses for Committee meetings and thank you dinners for distinguished service.
6. It is considered that the Society has adequate funds to meet current future planned activities.

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Mr Darren Oliver
Honorary Treasurer

Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Ecclesiastical Law Society

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2016 which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- accounts are prepared which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Richard Barnett ACA
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Changing the Ecclesiastical Law Society to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

An Explanatory Paper

As part of a general governance review in the context of strategic planning for the next 5-10 years, the Committee has recommended that the Ecclesiastical Law Society be incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in place of its current constitutional status as an unincorporated association. This would require winding up the current unincorporated association and transferring its assets and all members to the CIO.

The reasons for the recommendation are as follows:

- a) The CIO is a newly created legal entity, enabled by the Charities Act 2011, which allows charities to retain their charitable status whilst enjoying corporate personality but without being separately registered or regulated by Companies House
- b) CIO status will give the Society a legal identity and existence independent of its members along with limited liability (as, for example, for a PCC, DBF etc)
- c) These factors are important given that the Society is an employer, has commercial dealings, and places contracts of an increasingly large value for conferences etc.¹
- d) Adopting the CIO model constitution will also incorporate the latest Charities Act provisions and powers into the Society's constitution, reflecting good practice.
- e) Becoming a CIO will give the Society these advantages without any addition to the administrative or regulatory burden
- f) The Society's existing constitution can also be reflected within the CIO framework, and revised if necessary.

The Committee seeks the approval of the Society at its forthcoming AGM to proceed with the proposal to wind up the current unincorporated association to incorporate the Society as a CIO.

Once the Society has signified its consent in principle, the Committee can proceed with the detailed work of finalizing a new Constitution, on a draft of which the membership will be consulted in the coming months, so an agreed version can be presented for formal adoption at next year's AGM.

3 March 2016

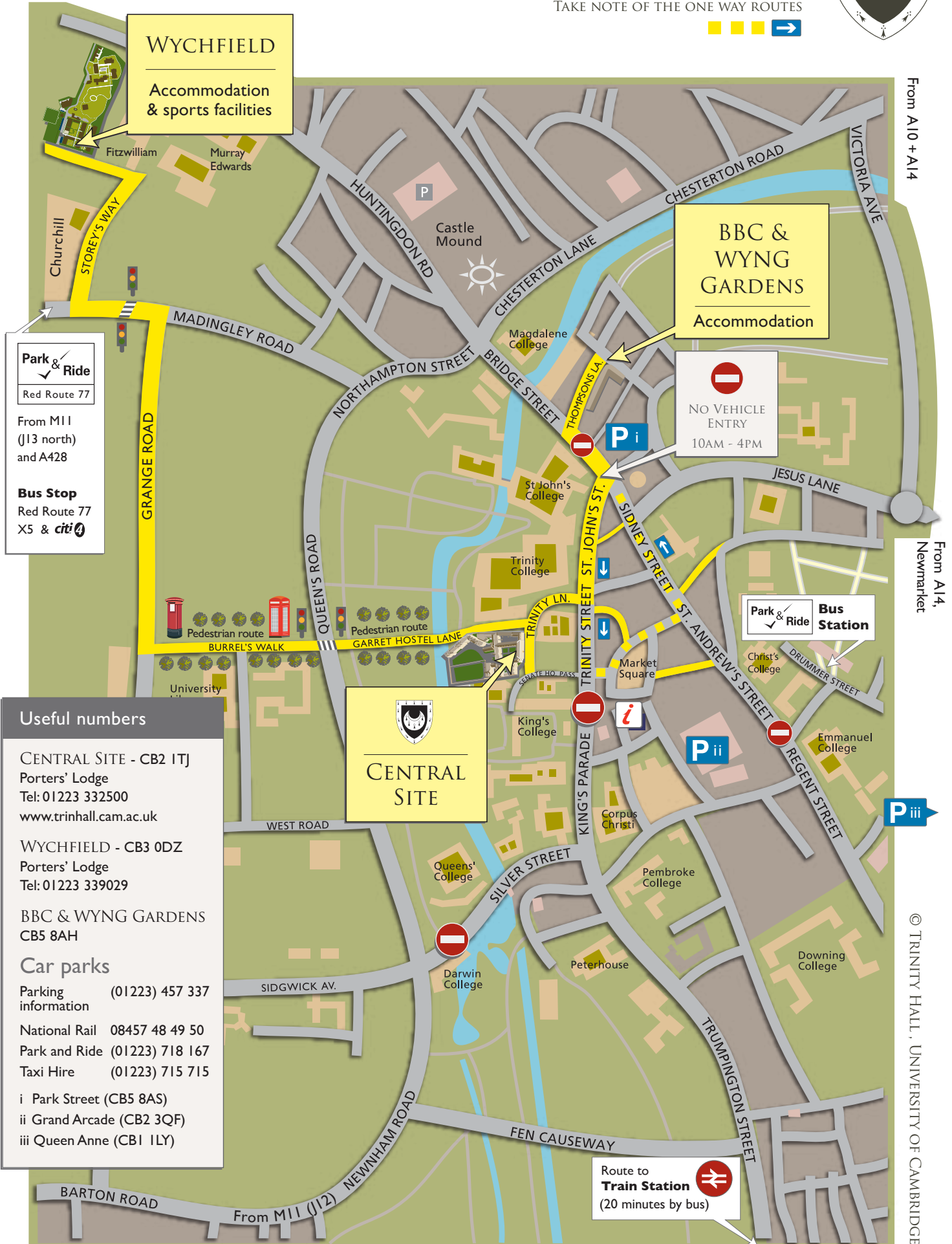
¹ The only disadvantage of a CIO (compared with an Incorporated Charity registered at both Companies House and the Charity Commission) is that it cannot secure loans by way of debenture because of the lack of Companies House registration; it is not thought that this will be a problem for the ELS.

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