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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 3 April: Book launch: Norman Doe, *Comparative Religious Law: Judaism, Christianity, Islam* (CUP 2018) – to be held at **The Temple Church EC4Y 7BB** (off Fleet Street) **at 6.30pm**: further details below.

5 to 7 April: ELS Residential Conference – to be held at **Cumberland Lodge, Windsor**: *Church and State in the Twenty-first Century: Re-imagining Establishment for the post-Elizabethan age*. Speakers will include Prof Robert Blackburn QC, The Revd Canon Malcolm Brown, Prof Grace Davie, Prof Norman Doe, Sir William Fittall, The Revd Paul Goodliff, The Rt Revd Graham James and Dr Colin Podmore. Book [here](#).

Tuesday 21 May: London Lecture – Dr Sarah Horsman, Warden of Sheldon (Mary and Martha), on *The CDM – a Sideways Look*. [Book here](#). **Refreshments at 5 pm, lecture at 5.30.**

Wednesday 3 July: London Lecture – Norman Doe on *The unifying effect of Christian Law for Ecumenism*. [Book here](#). Refreshments at 5 pm, lecture at 5.30.

Tuesday 16 July: Northern Province lecture – Bishop Nick Baines on *The Function of Ecclesiastical Law in Effective Parochial Ministry*. [Book here](#). Drinks at 5 pm, lecture at 5.30.

Wednesday 18 September: London lecture – Sir Philip Mawer on the role of the Independent Reviewer under the Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests (Resolution of Disputes Procedure) Regulations 2014. [Book here](#). Refreshments at 5 pm, lecture at 5.30.

Wednesday 6 November 2019: Northern Province lecture – Rt Worshipful Charles George QC, Auditor of the Chancery Court of York, on *Do we still need the Faculty System?* [Book here](#). Drinks at 5 pm, lecture at 5.30.

*London Lectures are held at the offices of Winckworth Sherwood, Minerva House, 5 Montague Close, London SE1 9BB.
Northern Province Lectures are held at the offices of the Diocese of Leeds, 17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX.*

ELECTORAL ROLLS

It appears that some are still having difficulty locating the guidance on Church of England electoral rolls and the associated privacy notice. You can find them here:

- [Guidance on the Electoral Roll and GDPR](#) (downloads as a Word document).
- [Electoral Roll Privacy Notice](#) (downloads as a Word document).

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES (FEES)

Neil Turpin, Chief Clerk of the Court of Faculties, draws attention to an item in the latest issue of the General Register Office *Clergy Newsletter February 2019* that has not been widely publicised. It includes a reminder that **the fee for the issue of a Marriage Certificate was increased to £11.00 with effect from 16 February**. In addition, the two-tier fee system for church weddings has been replaced with a single fee regardless of whether the Certificate is issued at the wedding ceremony itself or afterwards. [FC]

MARRIAGE OF EEA NATIONALS AFTER 29 MARCH

The Oxford Diocesan Registry has compiled a helpful [note](#) on the marriage of EEA nationals after Brexit. It reports that the Home Office is not intending to make any immediate changes

to rules for EEA and Swiss nationals, which means that they can continue to be married by Banns or Common Licence for at least the remainder of 2019, assuming that the couple has a legal link to the parish or church, either under the Marriage Act 1949 (residence in the parish or membership of the Electoral Roll) or the Marriage Measures 2008 and 2012 (by way of qualifying connection). The Registry also reports that the Home Office will consult all 'interested parties', including the Church of England (and, presumably, the Church in Wales), before making any changes to marriage preliminaries for EEA and Swiss nationals. [FC and David Pocklington]

CHURCHCARE WEBSITE

ChurchCare has a new [website](#): the old site was to be closed down at the end of February. The ChurchCare web address will remain active and automatic forwarding links to redirect current URLs to the new central webpages will be added to all previous webpages. *Law & Religion UK* has a helpful page of links to the guidance notes on the new ChurchCare site, [here](#). [FC]

BOOK LAUNCH

Norman Doe, *Comparative Religious Law: Judaism, Christianity, Islam* (CUP 2018): Norman's new book is the first-ever study of the regulatory instruments of Jewish, Christian and Muslim religious organisations in Britain. It questions current assumptions and proposes that religious law pervades modern society, is recognised by civil law, has both a temporal and religious quality, and regulates wide areas of believers' lives. Responding to the Woolf Commission (2015), it proposes a charter of 'principles of religious law' common to all three Abrahamic faiths, to stimulate greater mutual understanding between the three faiths themselves and in society.

The launch will be preceded by Choral Evensong at 5.30 pm to which all guests – of whatever faith-tradition – are most welcome. The music is to include 'Achieved is the glorious Work' (Haydn) and 'All Wisdom cometh from the Lord' (Philip Moore).

There will then be a discussion of *The Value of Religious Law in Jewish, Christian and Muslim Relations*: the speaker will be Professor Urfan Khaliq, Head of Law, Cardiff University.

CAROLINE MOCKFORD RIP

Please remember in your prayers Caroline Mockford, Provincial Registrar for the Northern Province and Diocesan Registrar of Diocese of York, who died suddenly on 5 March. She was admitted to hospital with a bleed to the brain which led to catastrophic injury and her life support was turned off. A partner at Lupton Fawcett and head of its ecclesiastical department, Caroline was loved and respected by her many friends and colleagues in the Ecclesiastical Law

Society and the Ecclesiastical Law Association. Her service to the Church of England was immeasurable.

The funeral will take place on Friday 22 March at 1.00 pm at York Minster. The Society will be represented by its Vice Chairman, Canon John Rees. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
[Mark Hill]

CONGRATULATIONS TO JANE STEEN

The jury for the Deddens Thesis Award has agreed unanimously to make the 2018 Award to Archdeacon Jane Steen for her Cardiff LLM dissertation, ‘Conscience and Change in Church and Law’ The jury thought that her dissertation was ‘innovative and original’ and explored a niche within the field of Canon/Church Law. Heartiest congratulations on behalf of all of us!
[FC]

CHURCH LAW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER – Prague-Brno-Olomouc

The Church Law Society’s latest English-language *Newsletter* is available [here](#). It includes reports on a conference in Slovakia on *Registration of Churches and Religious Societies – yes, but how?* and notices of a forthcoming conference on religious symbols at Leopold-Franzens-Universität, Innsbruck, from 9 to 10 May and of the Church Law Society’s own conference on spiritual care in public institutions at the Charles University, Prague, from 12 to 16 June. [FC]
