



THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

5 to 7 April 2019

Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park

Church and State in the Twenty-first Century



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Welcome and Introduction

We are very pleased to welcome you to our Residential Conference at Cumberland Lodge. Some details about Cumberland Lodge appear at the end of this booklet.

The Conference is promoting a public discussion of the nature of establishment and the challenges it may face in the years ahead, both from a constitutional vantage point and in parochial ministry for the national church. A stellar collection of experts has been brought together for a unique conference which will seek to re-imagine the national church and public religion in the increasingly secular world in the current second Elizabethan age and hereafter. Robert Blackburn will deliver a keynote lecture on constitutional issues of monarchy, parliament and the Church of England. Norman Doe and Colin Podmore will assess the centenaries of, respectively, the Welsh Church Act 1914 and the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 (known as the 'Enabling Act'), and the experience of English and Welsh Anglicanism over this period. Sir William Fittall will comment on the practice and politics of establishment, and Dr Malcolm Brown will reflect on grace and pragmatism within a theology of power. Grace Davie and Bishop Graham James will evaluate public and parochial conceptions of an established church in a time of declining attendance. There will be observations from those outside the Anglican church, including Dr Paul Goodliff and Imam Monawar Hussein. The conference will be of interest to ecclesiastical lawyers and administrators, to students of constitutional law, and to clergy and laity whose daily lives are influenced by the lived reality of a national church witnessing to an increasingly diverse world.

We are very grateful to both Westminster Abbey and the Rt Revd Graham James, until recently Bishop of Norwich, for sponsoring our Conference and warmly thank them for their generosity.

The Society welcomes feedback on all its activities. During the Conference you will be emailed with a short questionnaire to assess this year's conference. Please complete it on line so that we can continue to strive to meet the wishes and aspirations of the membership in future conferences.

For those who wish to attend Mattins on Sunday morning, a pass will need to be obtained in advance and your name added to a list for security purposes. Details are set out elsewhere in this booklet.

I must also record huge thanks to our Chairman, Mark Hill QC, for his leadership and wisdom, to Andrew Male, and Russell Dewhurst for their hard work in putting this booklet together, and to Paul Benfield, our conference chaplain. I hope you have an enjoyable and stimulating weekend.

Frances Godden
Committee Member and Conference Convenor

Wi-Fi is complimentary and does not require a password. The network names are either 'Lodge', 'Mews' or 'Groom's House' depending on which building you are in.



If you are tweeting about the conference, we invite you to use the hashtag **#elsconf19**

Conference Programme

All Lectures and AGM to be held in Flitcroft (Mews Building)
Coffee/tea in Bar (Cumberland Lodge, Ground Floor)
Lunch/Dinner in Dining Rooms (Cumberland Lodge, Ground Floor)
The Chairman's Reception in the Drawing Room (Cumberland Lodge, Ground Floor)
Worship to be held in Library (Cumberland Lodge, First Floor), except Mattins on Sunday

Floor plans are set out at back of this brochure

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

2.00 pm Registration, coffee & tea available

3.00 pm Session 1: *A Century of National Churches: England and Wales Compared*

Professor Norman Doe
Director of the Centre for Law and Religion, Cardiff University

Dr Colin Podmore
Former Clerk to the General Synod of the Church of England

Moderator: Frances Godden

4.30 pm Tea

5.00 pm Session 2: *Establishment – some theological considerations*

The Revd Dr Malcolm Brown
Director of Mission and Public Affairs, Archbishops' Council

Moderator: The Venerable Jane Steen

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

6.30 pm Bar open

7.30 pm Dinner

*Followed by welcome from the Chairman and from the Revd Dr Edmund Newell,
Principal of Cumberland Lodge*

9.00 pm Compline

(or 10 minutes after dinner ends)

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

7.15am	Morning Prayer
7.30 am	Eucharist
8.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am	Session 3: Keynote Address - Constitutional Considerations Professor Robert Blackburn QC King's College London Moderator: Professor Mark Hill QC
10.30 am	Coffee
11.00 am	Session 4: The Practice and Politics of Establishment Sir William Fittall Formerly Secretary General, General Synod of the Church of England Moderator: Mr Howard Dellar
12.00 noon	Annual General Meeting, Ecclesiastical Law Society
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm	Session 5: Perspectives from Outside the Church of England The Revd Dr Paul Goodliff Baptist Minister and General Secretary of Churches Together in England Imam Monawar Hussein Muslim Tutor at Eton College, Windsor Moderator: The Revd Canon Norman Boakes
3.30 pm	Tea
4.00 pm	Session 6: The Advantages of a Weak Established Church Professor Grace Davie Professor Emeritus of Sociology, University of Exeter Moderator: The Rt Worshipful Charles George
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer
7.00 pm	Chairman's drinks reception
7.30 pm	Dinner: Black Tie <i>Followed by after-dinner speech from the Right Reverend Graham James</i>

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

7.30 am	Eucharist
8.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am	Session 7: The Challenges of Establishment for Parochial Clergy The Rt Revd Graham James Former Bishop of Norwich Moderator: Chancellor Ruth Arlow
10.15 am	Depart on foot for at the Royal Chapel of All Saints (Queen Victoria's Chapel) in the grounds of the Royal Lodge in Windsor Great Park
11.00 am	Mattins, Royal Chapel of All Saints
12.30 pm	Bar open
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	Depart Opportunity to visit Windsor Castle at leisure and at own cost

Royal Chapel Arrangements

Please see directions at end of brochure for the way to the Royal Chapel.

Attendees are invited to sign up to a list available at the Conference, to be completed by 9.15am on Saturday morning. Numbers are limited to 60 people from the Conference. Those wishing to attend the Service will need to be checked by the Police for security purposes, hence the need for the Saturday morning deadline.

We are asked to avoid using cars (unless strictly necessary) so we will need to walk and we're advised that we need to leave the Lodge no later than 10.20am.

You will need to take with you photographic ID (a passport or a driving licence) and remember not to bring with you any electronic devices, including your phone. Large handbags are discouraged please.

Speakers' Biographies



Professor Robert Blackburn QC LLD is Professor of Constitutional Law at King's College London. His books include *The Electoral System in Britain* (1995), *Constitutional Reform* (1999), *Fundamental Rights in Europe* (2001), *Parliament* (2003), and *The Crown and Crown Proceedings* (Vol. 29 in Halsbury's Laws of England, 5th ed. 2019). Recent articles are 'The Abdication of Edward VIII: Legal and Constitutional Perspectives' (2015), 'The Idea of a British Bill of Rights' (2016), and 'The Nature and Importance of Parliamentary Procedure' (2018). He served as Special Counsel to the House of Commons Political and Constitutional Reform Committee for its inquiry into how a written codified constitution could work in the UK. He is an honorary Queen's Counsel, a Solicitor of the Senior Courts, and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.



The Revd Dr Malcolm Brown is Director of Mission and Public Affairs for the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, leading the team which engages at national level with Parliament, government and ethical issues. He was formerly a priest in rural and inner city parishes, director of the William Temple Foundation at Manchester Business School, and Principal of the Eastern Region Ministry Course. His research interests are in Christian ethics (with a particular focus on ethics and political economy) and the Anglican tradition in social theology. He is the author of a number of books including *After the Market* (Peter Lang, 2004), *Tensions in Christian Ethics* (SPCK, 2010) and *Anglican Social Theology* (CHP, 2014) and has contributed to many theological collections including *The Oxford History of Anglicanism* and *Theology*

Reforming Society (SCM, 2017).

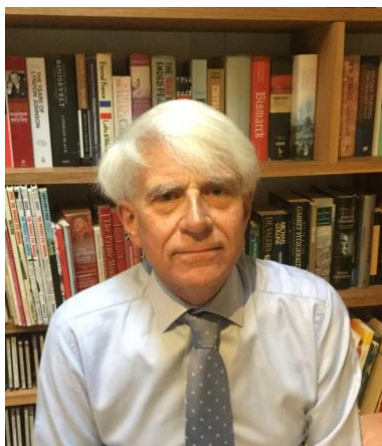


Professor Grace Davie is professor emeritus in the Sociology of Religion at the University of Exeter UK. In 2000-01 she was the Kerstin-Hesselgren Professor at Uppsala, Sweden, where she returned for extended visits in 2006-7, 2010, and 2012, receiving an honorary degree in 2008. She has also held visiting appointments at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (1996) and at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (1998 and 2003), in Paris. Her latest publications include *Religion in Britain: A Persistent Paradox* (Wiley-Blackwell 2015) and *Religion in Public Life: Levelling the Ground* (Theos 2017). In addition, she was a co-ordinating lead author for the chapter on religion

in *Rethinking Society for the 21st Century, Volume 3: Transformations in Values, Norms, Cultures* (CUP 2018), the report of the International Panel on Social Progress. She is a Lay Canon of the Diocese of Europe.



Professor Norman Doe, DCL (Lambeth), LLD (Cambridge), is a professor of law at Cardiff University and Director of its Centre for Law and Religion. His books 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* (Canterbury Press, 2008), *Law and Religion in Europe* (Oxford, 2011), *The Legal Architecture of English Cathedrals* (Routledge, 2017), *Comparative Religious Law: Judaism, Christianity, Islam* (Cambridge, 2018), and *Christian Law* (Cambridge, 2013) which formed the basis of 'A Statement of Principles of Christian Law' (Rome 2016) for discussion within the World Council of Churches. A visiting professor at Paris University, he was visiting fellow/scholar at Trinity College Oxford (2011), Corpus Christi College Oxford (2015) and Jesus College Oxford (2018), founding member of the Colloquium of Anglican and Roman Catholic Canon Lawyers (1990), and proposed and produced drafts which led to the launch at the Lambeth Conference 2008 of *The Principles of Canon Law Common to the Churches of the Anglican Communion*, served on the Lambeth Commission (2003-2004), and is Chancellor of the Diocese of Bangor. He is director of the LLM in Canon Law at Cardiff Law School which he set up in 1991.



Sir William Fittall is a man of Kent who worked in Whitehall from 1975 to 2002 in jobs which included working on the Northern Ireland peace process, counter terrorism policy, and Prison Service management, doing spells as a private secretary to the Home Secretary and Northern Ireland Secretary and being a member of the Joint Intelligence Committee. He also spent a year at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris. From 2002 to 2015 he was Secretary General at Church House Westminster. Since retiring he has taken on the chairmanship of two local charities in Kent, become independent reviewer under the women bishops legislation and given more time to his local parish where he is a reader and relief organist. He contributed a chapter to *Church and State: Some Reflections on Church Establishment in England* (Constitution Unit 2008), to *The British and Peace in Northern Ireland* (Cambridge 2015) and to *Grasping the Heel of Heaven* (Canterbury Press 2018).

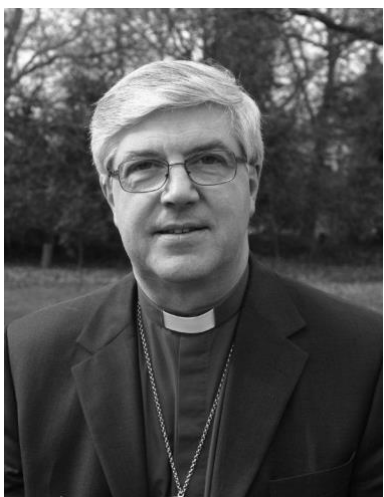


The Reverend Dr Paul Goodliff is General Secretary of Churches Together in England, and a Baptist minister, having served as General Superintendent of the Central Area of the Baptist Union, and then its Head of Ministry. He is a member of the Christian Law Panel of Experts, and its Juridical Ecumenism project. An Associate Research Fellow at Spurgeon's College, he is a visiting lecturer there in Christian Spirituality and Pastoral Supervision, and writes in the areas of pastoral theology and Christian law.



Imam Monawar Hussain MBE, DL is the Muslim Tutor at Eton College, Windsor, Muslim Chaplain to the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and founder of The Oxford Foundation. He read Theology at the University of Oxford, holds a Master of Arts degree in Abrahamic Religions from the University of London, and trained as an Imam under the tutelage of the late Sheikh Dr Zaki Badawi KBE at the Muslim College, Ealing. His dissertation, entitled *Spiritual Journeying: An exploration in the light of Spenser's The Faerie Queene and Attar's Conference of the Birds*, was published in 2016. Monawar serves as an advisor to a number of national charities and initiatives including the

Multi-Faith Leadership Training Initiative (in partnership with the University of Birmingham and funded by the MHCLG), The Oxford Trust, the Dalai Lama Centre for Compassion, Prison Phoenix Trust, and the NSPCC National Advisory Group on Safeguarding and Muslim Children. He is an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham.



The Rt Revd Graham James began his ministry in Peterborough in 1975 and after serving in the St Albans Diocese and Church House, Westminster, became Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1987. He returned to his native Cornwall (where his origins lie in nonconformity – he was a son of the manse) upon his consecration as Bishop of St Germans in 1993, and became Bishop of Norwich in 1999, retiring in February 2019 as the longest serving bishop in the Church of England. He joined the House of Lords in March 2004 and has been a member of the Select Committee on Communications, reflecting a long standing interest in media issues. He has been a frequent contributor to Radio 4's *Thought for the Day*. His latest book *A Place for God* was published in 2017. Currently he is chairing a non-statutory Government Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the practice and eventual

imprisonment of the surgeon Ian Paterson.



Dr Colin Podmore is a Cornishman who read history at Keble College, Oxford. He trained as a teacher at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and was awarded the Cambridge Certificate of Competent Knowledge in German. He taught German at St Michael's Church of England High School, Chorley (Lancs) from 1983 to 1985. Research for his Oxford DPhil thesis involved extended research visits to the German Democratic Republic in the later 1980s. It was published as *The Moravian Church in England, 1728-1760* (1998). He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. Dr Podmore served on the staff of the General Synod from 1988 to 2013. In the 1990s he was responsible for relations with European churches. As a member of the Synod's Secretariat from 1999 he was responsible for the publication of the Common Worship liturgies and staffed the reviews of the Crown Appointments Commission (*Working*

with the Spirit, 2001) and other senior appointments (*Talent and Calling*, 2007). He was Secretary of the Liturgical Commission (2002-9) and of the Dioceses Commission (2002-11). From 2011 he was Clerk to the Synod, Director of the Central Secretariat and Director of Ecumenical Relations. Since 2013 he has been the Director of Forward in Faith and Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Society. His

publications include *Aspects of Anglican Identity* (2005) and articles on Anglican ecclesiology, the ecclesiology of The Episcopal Church, and the development of the Anglican Communion. His most recent publication is a chapter on the development of the 'Instruments of Communion' in vol. 4 of the *Oxford History of Anglicanism* (2017). In 2017 he received the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lanfranc Award for education and scholarship.

Abstracts

Session 1	Friday afternoon 3pm – 4.30pm	A Century of National Churches: England and Wales Compared	Professor Norman Doe <i>Director of the Centre for Law and Religion, Cardiff University</i>
			Dr Colin Podmore <i>Former Clerk to the General Synod of the Church of England</i>

A century ago, the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and the Welsh Church Act 1914 each made landmark provision for the Church of England. The former afforded greater autonomy to the Church of England in establishing the Church Assembly and enabling it to legislate by Measure (a legislative power which has since passed to the General Synod). The latter provided for the disestablishment of the Church of England in Wales. This session will explore the parallel trajectories of these innovations and speculate on the future direction of travel.

Norman Doe will talk about (1) the road to the disestablishment of the Church of England in Wales; (2) the passing and terms of the Welsh Church Act 1914 and later legislation; (3) the institutional foundation of the Church in Wales as an autonomous province of the worldwide Anglican Communion; (4) the subsequent status of the Church in Wales in civil law and the implications of this for ecclesial freedom; (5) legal vestiges of the former establishment (such as in the fields of marriage and burial), particularly in light of the devolution settlement and the competence of the National Assembly for Wales and Welsh Government over aspects of the life of the Church in Wales; (6) and the use of provincial autonomy by the Church in Wales and how the church compares in terms of its own constitutional and canon law from the Church of England in areas such as governance, ministry, liturgy and ecumenism.

Colin Podmore will set the 1919 Act in the context of developments over the previous century. He will examine the background to the formation of the Church Assembly and the key provisions of its constitution and of the Act. After describing its character and work in its first quarter century (1920-1945), he will focus on the Church's response to Parliament's rejection of the 1928 Prayer Book and to the Matrimonial Causes Act 1937. In the period 1946-1970 he will look first at the 1950s debates regarding proposed canons on remarriage after divorce and the seal of the confessional. The Prayer Book (Alternative and Other Services) Measure 1965 and the Synodical Government Measure 1969 will be noted briefly. The Worship and Doctrine Measure 1974 (the fruit of a commission whose terms of reference the Church Assembly approved in 1965) will be presented as the culmination of efforts to secure legislative autonomy for the Church in the context of continued establishment. In conclusion, Dr Podmore will summarize the consensus regarding church-state relations in the Church Assembly era (1920-1970) and then reflect briefly on how more recent and current attitudes have differed from that earlier consensus.

Session 2	Friday evening 5pm – 6pm	Establishment – some theological considerations	The Revd Dr Malcolm Brown <i>Director of Mission and Public Affairs, Archbishops' Council</i>
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The establishment of the Church of England is a concept contested between the churches and within the Church of England itself, both on pragmatic and theological grounds. Christian critics of establishment tend to reach first for theological arguments whilst the case for the defence is usually made on pragmatic grounds. **Malcolm Brown** will argue that the establishment of the Church of England embodies a number of theologically important virtues in the way it expresses the stance of the state towards religion and the way it embodies a theology of power. It will also argue that an established church's concern to be a church for the whole nation offers a better approach to addressing the cultural divisions revealed in the Brexit referendum than the modernist alternatives which treat majoritarianism and the cash nexus as the preferred mechanisms for resolving difference.

Session 3	Saturday morning 9am – 10.30am	Keynote address: Constitutional Considerations: Monarchy, Parliament, and the Church of England	Professor Robert Blackburn QC <i>Professor of Constitutional Law King's College London</i>
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Robert Blackburn will focus on the constitutional considerations of Church-State relations that concern the Monarchy and Parliament, giving a sense of evolution – past, present and future – as well as topicality. He will speak on:

- The Legal Elements of Establishment
- The Religious Requirements of the Royal Head of State
- The Roman Catholic Disqualification
- The Bishops in the House of Lords
- Church of England Measures and the Ecclesiastical Committee
- Royal Marriages and the Church of England
- The Views of Prince Charles: Monarchy in Defence of Faith
- Politicians and the Disestablishment Debate

Issues arising from the accession oaths and coronation service will be discussed within the sections on religious requirements and the views of the Prince of Wales.

Session 4	Saturday morning 11am – 12pm	The Practice and Politics of Establishment	Sir William Fittall <i>Former Secretary General of the General Synod of the Church of England</i>
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William Fittall will reflect on relations between the Church of England, Parliament and successive Governments over the past couple of decades, with particular reference to policy and legislative initiatives that have proved contentious. He will describe ways in which the nature and operation of establishment have evolved over this period. He will also, without attempting to predict the future, seek to identify some of the considerations that are likely to determine how relations between church and state may change further over the coming years.

Session 5	Saturday afternoon 2.15pm – 3.30pm	Perspectives from outside the Church of England	Revd Dr Paul Goodliff <i>Baptist Minister and General Secretary of Churches Together in England</i> Imam Monawar Hussain, MBE, DL <i>Muslim Tutor at Eton College, Windsor</i>
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In this contribution **Paul Goodliff** will address the question of the post-Elizabethan settlement from the perspectives of both a dissenting, Free Church position that advocates the separation of Church and State, and that of the ecumenical landscape that exists in England: one a great breadth and rich diversity. He will raise the question whether the time has arrived for a radical separation of Church and State, giving freedom to both to be truly themselves, and freeing the churches in England to engage in the kind of missional life that seeks to address the enormous social, religious and political challenges faced in a fragmenting society. From a Free Church perspective, that might well be the case, but ecumenically, the response would be more ambiguous. The contributions to the civic good enabled by representation in the legislature, and the ways in which the deep associations between the State and the Christian faith are maintained through the Established Church — especially where those links are genuinely representative of the whole Christian church, and are hospitable to other faiths also — suggests that dis-establishment might incur losses to the public good that outweigh any ideologically-driven gains. The strength of ecumenical commitment might determine how effective is a continuing link between Church and State, as also those ways in which the churches can counter a secularising reduction of the faith to a vaguely religious force for social cohesion or the provision of social capital at no expense to the exchequer. Key to both are the virtues of courage and humility.

Monawar Hussain will offer a personal Muslim perspective on the lived reality of an established Christian church in an increasingly secular liberal democracy. He will explore whether there are advantages to other faith traditions which from the current constitutional settlement of the Church of England and how it may evolve in coming years. His presentation will also address the challenges which exist for religious pluralism in civic society today.

Session 6	Saturday afternoon 4pm – 5.30pm	The Advantages of a Weak Established Church	Professor Grace Davie <i>Professor Emeritus of Sociology University of Exeter</i>
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Grace Davie will start by outlining the factors that must be taken into account if we are to understand fully the religious situation in 21st century Britain. There are five of these which pushes and pull in different directions. The outcome is a paradox: at one and the same time, Britain is becoming both increasingly secular and increasingly diverse. The former leads to a decline in religious activity, the latter to religion being more, rather than less, present in public debate. In short, British people are talking more about something that they do less.

Establishment must be considered in this light. The core of Davie's argument lies in identifying the benefits of a 'weak' established church. Discerning its advantages from a distinctive past – that of a partial rather than total monopoly – the Church of England can use these to welcome rather than exclude and to encourage rather than condemn. Thus an historically privileged, but numerically eroded, institution is well-placed to foster both inclusiveness and tolerance in a rapidly changing society.

Session 7	Sunday morning 9am – 10.15am	The Challenges of Establishment for Parochial Clergy	Rt Revd Graham James <i>Former Bishop of Norwich</i>
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While the establishment of the Church of England is frequently thought to be expressed most visibly in the presence of bishops in the House of Lords, it can be felt keenly at local level by some parochial clergy, particularly those in rural areas.

Graham James will explore how this is experienced, especially by clergy, and the challenges it brings. It is frequently where the Church of England is now weakest that the implications of “low establishment” are greatest. Where urban and metropolitan congregations are larger and mission is “intentional” (to use the current jargon) the consequences of establishment are much less likely to shape the life of the local church. Some of the work and writings of Wesley Carr, late Dean of Westminster, will be employed to explore the tensions and opportunities which the establishment of the Church of England still bring.

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 21st 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
- 2018 Gospel and Law in Theological Education, St Bride’s Institute, London
- 2019 Church and State in the 21st Century: Re-imagining Establishment for the Post-Elizabethan Age, Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park

Looking forward

- 2020 Synodical Government – Fit for Purpose?, Minerva House, Southwark

Suggestions for future conference topics will be gratefully received by the Chairman

AGM Agenda

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty Second Annual General Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Law Society will take place during the
Residential Conference at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park
on **Saturday 6th April 2019** at noon
for the transaction of the following business

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To approve the Minutes of the Thirty First Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 17th March 2018 (attached).
3. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Society (attached).
4. To receive a report on the finances of the Society (attached) (Accounts to 30th June 2018 to be independently examined).
5. To elect a Committee:

Officers

- (i) The Worshipful Professor Mark Hill QC offers himself for election as Chairman.
- (ii) The Revd Canon John Rees offers himself for election as Vice-Chairman.
- (iii) Mrs Elizabeth Wilson offers herself for election as Secretary.
- (iv) Benjamin Harrison offers himself for election as Deputy Secretary.
- (v) Darren Oliver offers himself for election as Treasurer.

Others may be nominated at the AGM.

Other Committee members

Paragraph 6.3 of the Society's Constitution provides that the Committee is to comprise the elected officers and "up to 9 other members of the Society". 'In accordance with the resolution passed by the members at the last AGM, the Society is in the process of migrating its affairs to the newly formed CIO in anticipation of completing the transfer of its assets on or before 1 July 2019 and being dissolved and removed from the Register of Charities thereafter. No benefit would be served by electing additional Committee members at this AGM when their term of office would be inevitably be truncated. To achieve consistency during the process of transition, the Committee resolved at its meeting on 27 February 2019 that those members who retire by rotation at this AGM and would ordinarily have offered themselves for re-election will be co-opted onto the Committee until such time as the Society is dissolved. For information, they are Frank Cranmer and the Revd Russell Dewhurst. In addition, Paul Barber and the Right Reverend Christine Hardman will continue as co-opted members.

6. To elect a President for the Society.

7. To consider any other resolution of which the Secretary shall have received written notice at least 14 days before the Meeting.
8. To note forthcoming Ecclesiastical Law Society dates:
21 May 2019, London Lecture, Dr Sarah Horsman, Warden of Sheldon (Mary and Martha), *The Clergy Discipline Measure – A Sideways look*

3 July 2019, London Lecture, Professor Norman Doe, *The Unifying effect of Christian Law for Ecumenism*

16 July 2019, Northern Province Lecture, Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds, *The Function of Ecclesiastical Law in Effective Parochial Ministry*

18 September 2019, London Lecture, Sir Philip Mawer, *The Role of the Independent Reviewer*

6 November 2019, Rt Worshipful Charles George QC, Auditor of the Chancery Court of York, *Do we still need the Faculty System?*

March 2020, Day Conference
9. Any other business which the Chairman in his discretion may allow.

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AGM Minutes

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW SOCIETY Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting

held at the St Bride's Foundation, Fleet Street, London
at noon on Saturday, 17th March 2018

The Chairman, Professor the Worshipful 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 a list of those present.

2. Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting held on 1st April 2017

The Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting held on 1st April 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced his written report, made available in advance of the meeting, which reflected on the Society's activities in the last year. The written text accompanies these Minutes. In questions from the floor, Mr David Lamming enquired where the John Masding Archive was kept. The Chairman replied that for the time being it was contained in a number of cardboard boxes cluttering his room in chambers: he enquired whether Mr Lamming was offering to house them, but received no reply.

4. The Society's Finances

The examined accounts for the period of 12 months to 30 June 2017 had been circulated and were presented and approved. There were no questions from the floor. Appreciation was expressed for the work of the Treasurer over the past year.

5.(a) Election of Officers

In the absence of the President, the Right Worshipful Charles George QC took the Chair for this item

The following offered themselves for election as officers for the coming year:

Chairman	Professor the Worshipful Mark Hill QC
Vice-Chairman	The Revd Canon John Rees
Treasurer	Mr Darren Oliver
Secretary	Mrs Elizabeth Wilson
Deputy Secretary	Mr Benjamin Harrison

It was suggested that the officers be dealt with *en bloc*. The foregoing were therefore proposed by Judge Mark Emerton, seconded by Chancellor Peter Collier QC and elected *nem con*.

5.(b) Elections to the General Committee

The Chairman reported that in respect of the three vacancies on the General Committee, three nominations had been received, all duly nominated and seconded, namely Ruth Arlow, the Ven

Simon Baker and Judge Mark Emerton. In the absence of any nominations from the floor, all three were declared elected.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Committee members and staff who had contributed so much to the work of the Society, including the support from Stephen Borton and Neil Turpin, who were standing down as Secretary and Deputy Secretary respectively. He also thanked their employer Lee Bolton Monier-Williams for the significant contribution it had made in hosting Committee meetings etc. and he expressed the hope that this happy association with the Society would long continue.

6. Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

The Chairman summarised the background to the two resolutions below, giving effect to the decision at the last AGM for the Society to convert itself into a CIO. He explained that much work had since been done by the governance sub-committee, including consultation with the full membership on a draft of the proposed constitution, and he invited the AGM to approve both resolutions, the second of which requisite a two-third's majority of those present and voting. He invited questions from the floor. Mr James Behrens enquired as to the practical changes which would result. The chairman replied that there were only two of substance, as had been set out in the note which accompanied the consultation draft. First the sinecure offices of Secretary and Deputy Secretary (all of whose functions had been transferred to the Administrator) would cease to exist. Secondly, officer holders would have an extended tenure of three years (as opposed to one at present) which should ensure better strategic planning.

The being no further questions, the following motions were separately put to the AGM:

to authorise the Committee to apply to the Charity Commission to register the new CIO on the basis of the constitution circulated with the notice of the AGM or with such amendments to it as the Committee reasonably consider to be necessary to secure registration;
pursuant to article 15 of the Society's constitution to dissolve the Society once the Society has transferred its assets, liabilities, and its activities to the new CIO, and thereupon to apply to have the Society removed from the Register of Charities.

Each was passed unanimously and with acclamation, and no abstentions.

Mr Frank Cranmer proposed a vote of thanks to Catherine Shelley, Lizzie Wilson and all those involved with the governance sub-committee. This was passed *nem con*.

7. Other resolutions

There was none.

8. Forthcoming ELS events

The Chairman reminded the AGM of forthcoming events, particularly the Northern Province Lectures in Leeds on 24 April, 12 July and 11 October 2017, the Lyndwood Lecture on 7 November 2018 at The Temple Church, London; and the Residential Conference on 5-7 April 2019 at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor. He encouraged members to book early for next year's conference.

The Chairman reminded the AGM of his exhortation to all members last year to get someone else to join thereby doubling the size of the Society. The figures showed that very few members

had risen to his challenge. The Chairman emphasised that recruitment is a shared responsibility for the entire membership and should not be left to one individual.

9. Any Other Business
There was none.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.32.

Signed

Dated

Chairman's Report 2018-2019

The laborious task of drafting the Chairman's Report seems to come round with such rapidity that it often feels they are quarterly rather than annual. This reflects a busyness not merely in my own life but in the life of the Society – or societies in the plural, as I shall explain.

Transition to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

The AGM last year at St Bride's Institute took place when much of the country was paralysed by a couple of inches of snow. But there was no paralysis nor frostiness within the meeting which, with acclamation, passed resolutions authorising application to the Charity Commission to register the new CIO and to dissolve the Society once it had transferred its assets and liabilities. This journey had begun with an 'in principle' resolution taken at the AGM the previous year at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, triggering the Society's equivalent of Article 50. But unlike Brexit, the Society has had a clear vision, a united approach, an orderly strategy and an ample codpiece.

The past year has not been easy: the energy of the Committee was absorbed in issues of governance, to the detriment of the ambitious goals the Committee had set itself at its Strategy Day in 2016. On a number of occasions, frustrated at the progress of the governance changes, and its all-consuming nature, I began to question why we had embarked on such a course. However we persevered and I want to give prominent and heartfelt thanks to the members of the governance sub-committee who have steered us through the process: Lizzie Wilson, Paul Barber, Stephen Slack, Ben Harrison, Darren Oliver and Frances Godden. The transition to CIO status is a once in a generation activity which brings the Society into the modern era with a modern constitution, fully compliant with Charity Commission procedures. It will safeguard Committee members from personal liability, which is to be welcomed in an increasingly litigious world.

And we are nearly there. This will be the last AGM of the Ecclesiastical Law Society in its present form as an unincorporated association. We are now in the end game of transferring assets to the CIO and generally migrating the business of the Society. This should be complete by the end of June, coinciding with our financial year end, and our membership year. When subscriptions are renewed in July it will be for the CIO. Shortly thereafter the Society will be dissolved and removed from the Register of Charities.

During this transitional period, to make the process as seamless as we can, we intend that the membership of the respective committees of the Society and the CIO will mirror one another. It is for that reason that we are not seeking to elect additional members at this year's AGM but propose co-opting those who would otherwise retire by rotation to ensure continuity. We have pre-approved others for future co-option (see below) to ensure fresh minds and new energy in the interim, and look forward to electing to the committee of the CIO at its first AGM scheduled for the Day Conference on 28 March 2020. The full membership of the Committee will be included in the Cumberland Lodge conference brochure. Mark Emerton's resignation was accepted by the Committee and approval was given to the future co-option of the Reverend Christopher Smith and Ms Anne-Marie Organ. Their experience of parochial ministry and registry clerking respectively will add to the breadth of experience of the Committee's expanding and diverse membership.

Mindful of their obligations as charity trustees, the Committee has recently approved policies on Complaints, Conflicts of Interest, Investments, Risk Management, and Data Security. It is intended that these policies will migrate to, and be adopted by, the CIO and thereafter reviewed and revised

regularly. The Committee will devote time at its next meeting on 29 May 2019 to working through the application of its Risk Management Policy.

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose

So, whilst constitutionally everything has changed, the day-to day life of the Society has continued much as before. Since last year's AGM, your Committee has met on four occasions, on 5 June, 3 October, and 27 November 2018 and on 27 February 2019. The Committee considered it prudent to establish a Standing Committee which has proved a welcome and efficient innovation. It meets monthly by means of a telephone call of a maximum of 45 minutes duration. It comprises the officers, the administrator and Russell Dewhurst as our communications guru. It has proved effective in driving projects forward and dealing with the routine business of the Society, leaving time for the Committee to focus more on policy and strategy.

The ***Journal*** flourishes under Will Adam's editorship as does the ***Newsletter***. Frank Cranmer's interim editorship has been excellent but has extended somewhat longer than he would have wished. He would like to be relieved of the responsibility but we are yet to find a volunteer with the gifts and enthusiasm that Frank brings to the task. The ***Website*** continues to be a shop window for the Society through which members and non-members can learn of its activities and enrol to participate in an increasingly expansive educational programme of lectures, seminars and conferences.

Unfortunately at the start of the year we found ourselves without a programme of ***London Lectures***, but the Vice Chairman and I hurriedly confected one over twenty-four hours and the high level of bookings show that these lectures remain very popular. The experiment with a ***Northern Province Lecture*** series in 2018 proved very successful such that an ambitious programme has been put in place for 2019 and will likely continue in future years. The Bishop of Leeds and the Auditor of the Chancery Court of York will be amongst the speakers. For too long the activities of the Society have had a metropolitan bias and the numbers attending these regular meetings in Leeds augurs well for the future.

The ***Education Sub-Committee*** under the leadership of the Venerable Simon Baker has assisted the Society in achieving its ambition in delivering on its principal charitable objective, namely "to promote education in ecclesiastical law for the benefit of the public, including in particular the clergy and laity of the Church of England", which had rather stalled. Now in the third year of its strategy, its recent focus has been on Training for Churchwardens with seminars in London and Manchester. The task of providing of resources on the Society website has been taken over by a small group led by the Revd Russell Dewhurst. I have invited Simon and Russell to say a few words at the AGM about the content and direction of their work which lies at the core of the Society's educational function.

Two other matters in the past year merit particular mention. The ***Lyndwood Lecture***, held in the Temple Church last November and addressing the achievement of Richard Hooker, its former Master, drew one of the largest audiences we have ever had for this biannual collaboration with the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland, doubtless due to the international reputation of the lecturer, Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch. Secondly, the Society combined with Oxford University Press to offer to members and the General Synod a special paperback edition of the fourth edition of Hill's ***Ecclesiastical Law*** which proved so popular that there have already been two reprints.

Membership – Project 700

Three years ago the Society suffered an unexpected fall in its membership due to issues with our third party subscription collection agency. However, with a sustained recruitment drive and a more efficient automated process for renewals, numbers have crept up to 686 and with a concerted effort our target figure of 700 is within our grasp. This will be the highest level in the Society's history: a success story for all concerned.

'Left undone those things we ought to have done'

Of course, not everything can be achieved. Andrew Male works indefatigably as the Society's Administrator for a modest honorarium as does Sarah Neden. Their work is particularly valued at residential conferences but it is a year-round activity, often unnoticed and rarely thanked. But there is no secretarial or other support for the Chairman and the officers and other committee members are all volunteers, with their own busy lives. As a result, certain things have not been done. These include marshalling the Society's archive, organisation of papers donated from the Revd John Masding's estate, sponsorship of the Inter-Inn Moot Competition, and running the Society's Essay Prize Competition. Any member who may be willing and able to take on any of these tasks would be very welcome. We would not want the Society to have to draw in its horns.

And it's goodbye from them

Departures are always sad affairs, particularly from those whose association with the Society has extended over many years and whose contribution has been considerable. Despite trying our best to persuade Stephen Slack to remain on the Committee, we reluctantly accepted his resignation to coincide with his stepping down as Head of the Legal Office of the Archbishops' Council and Chief Legal Adviser to the Archbishops' Council and the General Synod. Stephen modestly saw his role as a conduit between the Society and the National Institutions of the Church of England, but in truth he was far more engaged in the activities of the Society and was a man of vision and pragmatism. He was a major contributor to our governance review and we often had occasion to draw on his previous experience in the Charity Commission. Stephen's influence could be observed in the topics for conferences and in the wide choice of expert speakers. As chairman, I would often use Stephen as a sounding board and am deeply grateful for his unfailing support to me personally and his wise counsel.

It was with equal sadness that I received a letter from Sheila Cameron CBE QC informing me of her intention to stand down as President. Sheila's standing in the field of ecclesiastical law is second to none. She was an advocate – as junior counsel and in silk – in many leading consistory court cases, as well as in the civil courts, such as litigation arising from the ordination of women as priests. She was a distinguished chancellor of the dioceses of London and Chelmsford, following which she served as Dean of Arches and Auditor, as well as Master (never Mistress) of the Faculties. Her Presidency, even under the autocratic terms of the revised constitution, was always benign and her hand was never far from the tiller. Not unlike the model of constitutional monarchy as described by Walter Bagehot, Sheila exercised the right to be consulted, to warn and to encourage. I want to put on record the gratitude of the Society for all Sheila brought to it through her Presidency and my personal thanks for her friendship, her candour and her unceasing encouragement. The Committee has in mind a candidate to propose to succeed her as President whose identity will remain secret until the AGM.

And so as the Society heads triumphantly into a rosy sunset, we await the new dawn of the CIO. Transition is never easy. The very process of change is demanding, disruptive and exhausting. We need to remain steady during the final months as the Society as an unincorporated association, and await its rebirth like a beautiful butterfly in the form of a CIO. And, as ever, the Committee asks for your support and your prayers.

Mark Hill QC
Chairman, Ecclesiastical Law Society

25 March 2019

Treasurer's Report

These accounts relate to the Society's membership year from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

The Society's accounts operate on a biannual pattern and the level of receipts and payments will vary depending on whether a day conference or a residential conference is held. The accounts for the 2017/18 membership year represent the figures from the day conference in London in March 2018. The income associated with conference attendance is largely superficial as it relates to costs associated with that conference.

The Society's operational income relies heavily on membership subscriptions. Membership figures declined in the 2017/18 membership year, representing a reduction in that income. Nonetheless, increases in royalty payments from CUP and other income, as well as good management of other outgoings, have ensured that the Society continues to operate within its means while increasing its activities.

The Society's direct debit facilities (particularly the online form on the Society's website) have proved a valuable resource in providing greater ease and access for new members and renewals, and reduce the level of administration which has been experienced in the past.

Similarly, investment in the Society's website and its maintenance (costs for which are shown in the payments section), continue to prove beneficial and reduce the level of administration which would otherwise fall on Committee members, while increasing the Society's online presence and offering.

The accounts are currently being independently examined and, subject to your approval, will be signed off and filed with the Charity Commission following this AGM.

2018/19 member year and beyond

Membership numbers have steadily increased since the figures in the 2017/18 accounts and continue to do so. The Society relies on members' subscriptions to refresh its income and enable it to carry out its events and other activities. Following several years of a fixed rate, the Committee has agreed that subscriptions for the forthcoming membership year beginning on 1 July will be increased to £50.00 for standard rate membership and £30.00 for concessionary rate membership.

Darren Oliver
Treasurer

27 March 2019

Accounts for 2017/18

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2018

RECEIPTS	Notes	2017/18	2016/17
		£	£
Members' subscriptions		20,670	23,195
Conference and events fees:			
<i>2017 (Residential) Conference</i>		-	25,340
<i>2018 (Day) Conference</i>		3,525	-
<i>2019 (residential) Conference</i>		3,620	-
<i>Training Day: Education</i>		480	530
<i>Lyndwood lecture</i>		310	-
CUP royalty payments		5,343	7,101
Interest received		58	111
Other miscellaneous income	4	3,471	-
Total Income		37,477	56,277
PAYMENTS			
Journal costs	5	9,000	9,000
Conference and events costs			
<i>2017 (Residential) Conference</i>		354	35,195
<i>2018 (Day) Conference</i>		4,630	-
<i>2019 (Residential) Conference</i>			
<i>Training Day: Education</i>		495	142
<i>London Lectures</i>		19	33
Grants Awards and Presentations		600	1,300
Administration costs:			
<i>Honorarium (Education Adviser)</i>		-	598
<i>Website</i>		2,406	10,262
<i>Masding Library</i>		263	-
<i>Other administrative costs</i>	6	15,409	16,482
<i>Independent examiner's fees</i>		600	600
<i>Bank and subscription collection charges</i>		822	193
Total Expenditure		34,598	73,805
(Deficit)/Surplus of Receipts over Payments		2,879	(17,528)
Current assets at start of year		36,132	53,659
Current assets at end of year		39,012	36,131

STATEMENT OF ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2018

Cash at Bankers: COIF Deposit	17,764	17,713
CAF Bank	21,248	18,418
Total Current Assets	39,012	36,131

Notes to accounts for the year ending 30 June 2018:

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 2017 to 30 June 2018.
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. This includes a compensation payment of £3,276 from our previous bankers for incorrect charges made on the account.
5. The Society remains responsible for honoraria for the Editor and the Assistant Editor, and their related costs and expenses as indicated. In 2017/18 these totalled £9,000.
6. The administrative costs included the salary of the Administrator set by the Committee at £14,500, his expenses and other administrative costs, e.g. travel expenses for Committee meetings, postage, office and stationery costs.
7. It is considered that the Society has adequate funds to meet current future planned activities.

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Darren Oliver
Treasurer

Committee Membership

Please note that the members of the Committee also serve as the Trustees of the Charity

OFFICERS

To be proposed at 2019 AGM

CHAIRMAN:

The Worshipful Professor Mark Hill QC

VICE-CHAIRMAN:

The Revd Canon John Rees

SECRETARY:

Mrs Elizabeth Wilson

DEPUTY SECRETARY:

Ben Harrison

TREASURER:

Darren Oliver

ELECTED

- Ruth Arlow (to 2021)
- The Ven Simon Baker (to 2021)
- Miss Frances Godden (to 2020)

CO-OPTED OR TO BE CO-OPTED

- The Rt Revd the Lord Bishop of Newcastle
- Paul Barber Esq
- The Revd Paul Benfield
- Frank Cranmer
- The Revd Russell Dewhurst
- Anne-Marie Organ
- The Revd Christopher Smith
- Luke Tatam Esq

EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL:

The Revd Dr Will Adam

CHAIR OF EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Venerable Simon Baker

Forthcoming Events

21 May 2019	London Lecture – Minerva House Dr Sarah Horsman, Warden of Sheldon (Mary and Martha) <i>The Clergy Discipline Measure – A Sideways look</i>
29 May 2019	Committee meeting
3 July 2019	London Lecture – Minerva House Professor Norman Doe <i>The Unifying effect of Christian Law for Ecumenism</i>
16 July 2019	Northern Province Lecture The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds <i>The Function of Ecclesiastical Law in Effective Parochial Ministry</i>
29 July 2019	Committee meeting
18 September 2019	London Lecture – Minerva House Sir Philip Mawer <i>The Role of the Independent Reviewer</i>
28 October 2019	Committee meeting
6 November 2019	The Rt Worshipful Charles George QC, Auditor of the Chancery Court of York <i>Do we still need the Faculty System?</i>
28 March 2020	Day Conference, Minerva House, Southwark (see next page)

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2020 DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday 28 March 2020

10 am till 4 pm

Minerva House, 5 Montague Close, London SE1
(Next to Southwark Cathedral)

Synodical Government – Fit for Purpose?

This conference is designed to mark the centenary of the coming into force of the Enabling Act, and the creation of the Church Assembly which became the General Synod of the Church of England. There will be reflections from other Anglican provinces, including the Church of Ireland which had been established fifty years before. Attention will be given to the principles and practice of legislating for the Church of England, the function of the Convocations of Canterbury and York – historical, current and future – and an appraisal of the effectiveness of General Synod as a legislative assembly, both in terms of the processes it uses and the effectiveness with which it legislates for the Church in the modern age. Where does responsibility for governance now lie in the Church of England?

Speakers will include:

The Venerable Jane Steen, Archdeacon of Southwark
The Right Reverend Pete Broadbent, Bishop of Willesden
The Right Reverend Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, Ireland
(plus others to be confirmed and advertised)

Book online via the Ecclesiastical Law Society website:
<https://ecclawsoc.org.uk/events/>

Members booking opens on 7 April 2019

Cumberland Lodge

A History and Background

Current Foundation

Cumberland Lodge is an educational foundation and residential conference centre in the heart of Windsor Great Park. Its magnificent facilities are available to hire for conferences, meetings and special events, which helps to support its charitable and educational activities.

As a registered charity with a vision of more tolerant, peaceful and inclusive societies, Cumberland Lodge tackles social divisions by equipping and inspiring people to learn from one another and engage in constructive dialogue. The foundation was established in 1947 with support from King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (The Queen Mother), who was Patron until 2002. The current Patron is Her Majesty The Queen.

History

On 30 January 1649 Charles I was executed, England became a republic and Oliver Cromwell came to power. Within a short space of time the Crown lands were sold at preferential prices to officers in Cromwell's army, who had not been paid for years. One such was John Byfield, who bought a plot in Windsor Great Park for £4,000. On it he built a house, known initially as Byfield House, later New Lodge, Ranger's Lodge, Great Lodge, Windsor Lodge, and finally, from the late 18th century, as Cumberland Lodge.

On the restoration of the monarchy in 1660 Charles II re-possessed the Crown lands. He made Byfield House the home of the Ranger – the overseer of the Great Park. Baptist May, Keeper of the Privy Purse, was given the job. It is during his time that the Long Walk linking Windsor Castle to the heart of the Great Park was laid out, the project starting in 1680.

'Bab' May died in 1697. The next Ranger at the Lodge was Lord Portland, a friend of King William III. He created the lime-tree avenue approaching the main entrance of the house.

In 1702, the same year that Portland died, Queen Anne came to the throne and gave the Rangership to Sarah Churchill, Duchess of Marlborough, the only woman so far to hold the post. Normally grace and favour arrangements such as the Rangership end with the death of the Sovereign. However, a unique arrangement was made allowing Sarah Churchill, her husband and her son to occupy the Lodge for their lifetimes. The Marlboroughs enlarged and embellished the main Lodge and built the first version of the Mews, where, in the second half of the 20th century, their surviving buildings became houses for former royal employees. The Marlboroughs would have looked out on to marshy wasteland beyond the garden, though John Churchill encouraged the first attempts at drainage and lake formation in the Park.

John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, died in the Lodge in 1722. Sarah lived here until her death in 1744, leaving the Rangership to her grandson John Spencer, an ancestor of Diana, Princess of Wales.

After John Spencer's death just two years later, in 1746, the Rangership passed to William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, second son of King George II. The Duke of Cumberland, from whom the Lodge takes its name, was a military man. His most famous victory was at Culloden in Scotland on 16 April 1746, the day after his 25th birthday, when he defeated Bonnie Prince Charlie and thus stopped any prospect of the Stuarts returning to the throne. The Duke was given the Rangership in 1746 as a

reward for Culloden. In Scotland, however, because of the tough, even brutal, rule he imposed, he was given the nick-name 'Butcher' Cumberland.

The Duke of Cumberland greatly changed the Lodge and invested in landscaping its surroundings. The magnificent view from the back of the Lodge today owes much to the landscaping in this period. The Duke also recruited the architect Henry Flitcroft to design additional buildings in the Mews, which date from 1750, and which stabled the great racehorse Eclipse.

William Augustus died in 1765 and was succeeded as Ranger by his nephew, Prince Henry, the 2nd Duke of Cumberland, who died in 1790. King George III then took on the Rangership and engaged the major architect of the day, James Wyatt, to give the Lodge a fashionably Gothic look. The money ran out, however, which is why the back of the building is Gothic but the front is not.

In 1841 Queen Victoria, who had known the Lodge as a child, made her husband, Prince Albert, the Ranger of the Great Park. With a non-resident Ranger, various people lived in the Lodge in the first part of the Victorian period, including the Earl of Uxbridge, who was the Lord Chamberlain at the start of her reign, General Wemyss, who looked after the Prince's equestrian interests, and Alexander Hood, Equerry to The Queen.

Prince Albert died in 1861. The Rangership remained vacant until the appointment of Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein in 1866, following his marriage to Queen Victoria's daughter Princess Helena, but Colonel Hood was still living in the Lodge when, in November 1869, a catastrophic fire gutted a whole wing. Queen Victoria came over from the Castle to see what was happening. She wrote in her diary, 'Lord Bridport and I were pumped upon and got very wet'. The ruined parts of the Lodge were re-built by 1872 and in that year Helena and Christian moved in.

It is from Cumberland Lodge that Princess Helena founded the Royal College of Nursing in 1916, and pursued her charitable works. She was also the first President of the Royal School of Needlework, and early trustee meetings were held in the Lodge. Prince Christian died in 1917 and Princess Helena in 1923.

The final private occupant of the Lodge was Lord FitzAlan of Derwent, last Viceroy of a united Ireland under British rule. Lord FitzAlan was never Ranger, but he lived at the Lodge from 1924 until his death in 1947. As a friend of Lord FitzAlan, the Prime Minister of the day, Stanley Baldwin, often stayed here for shooting parties, so it was a natural place for him to choose Cumberland Lodge as a venue for discussions in October 1936 when the constitutional crisis arose around King Edward VIII's desire to marry Wallis Simpson.

Following Lord FitzAlan's death in 1947, King George VI broke with tradition and Cumberland Lodge was made available to a new organisation coming into being as a result of Amy Buller's book *Darkness over Germany*, published in 1943. This told about the feelings of German students and academics in the Nazi Germany of the late 1930s, when Miss Buller was a frequent visitor. Amy Buller feared that what had happened in Germany could happen in this country, and so wanted to establish a place where university students could reflect on the moral and spiritual issues of the time. Her roots were Christian, but she wanted to create a space that would be open to people of all beliefs. Her ideas impressed many influential people, including William Temple, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1942 to 1944, and Lord Halifax, who was Foreign Secretary from 1938 to 1940. It was, however, her introduction to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, who invited her to Buckingham Palace in 1943, that led to them offering her Cumberland Lodge as a place where she could realise her dream.

After the establishment of the foundation in 1947, the Lodge operated for many years mainly as an academic retreat and as a second home for Commonwealth students studying in this country. It was known as the St Catherine's Foundation. During their stays at the Lodge, students had regular opportunities to discuss the big ethical and social issues of the day with leading intellectual figures and prominent people in public life, such as the philosophers Karl Popper and Paul Tillich, the poet T.S. Eliot, and the artist Stanley Spencer. Those who visited the Lodge as students include the philosopher Alasdair McIntyre, the writer Iris Murdoch, the physicist Peter Higgs, and the biologist Richard Dawkins.

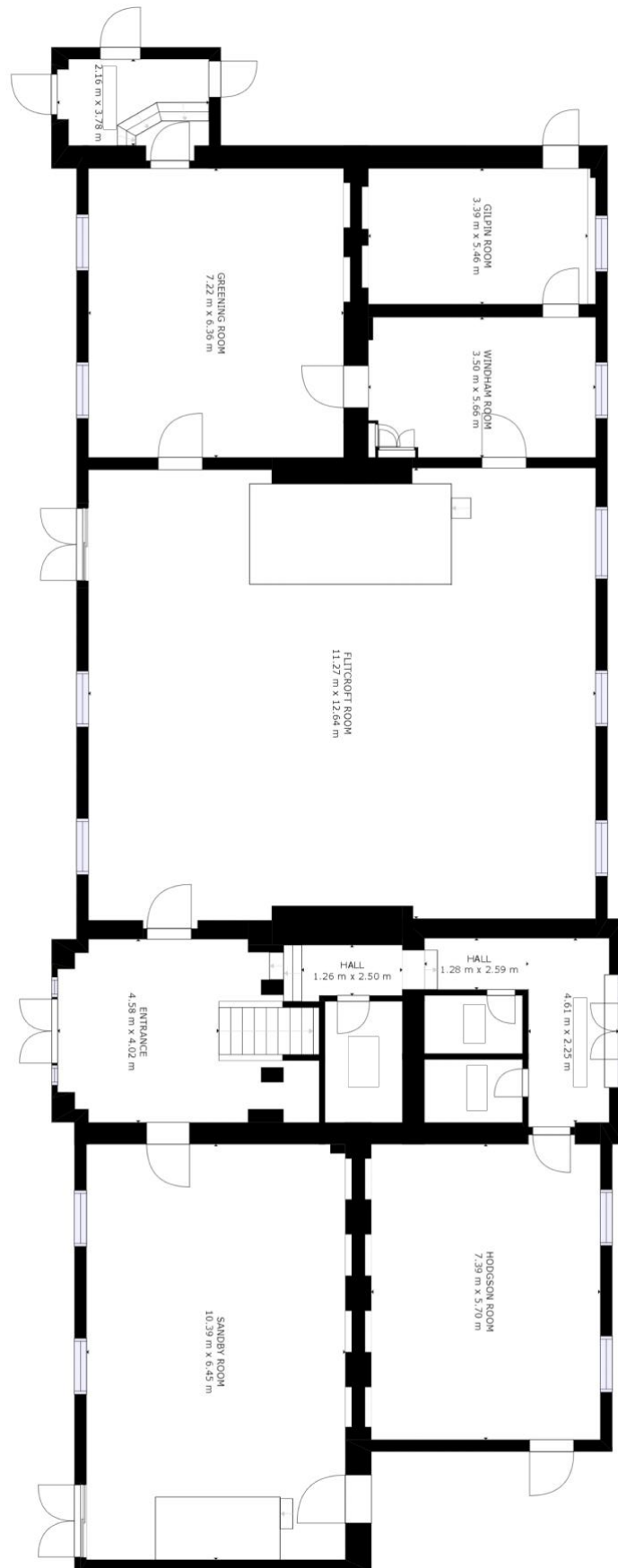
The first Principal of the foundation, in 1943, was Sir Walter Moberly, a former Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University. The foundation's first Board of Trustees was chaired by Lord Halifax and included the educationalist A.D. Lindsay (a former Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University and Principal of what became Keele University), and Fr Edward Talbot (Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, and Amy Buller's close friend and mentor). Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was Patron of the foundation until her death in 2002, by which time the formal name of the organisation had become The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Foundation of St Catherine, Cumberland Lodge.

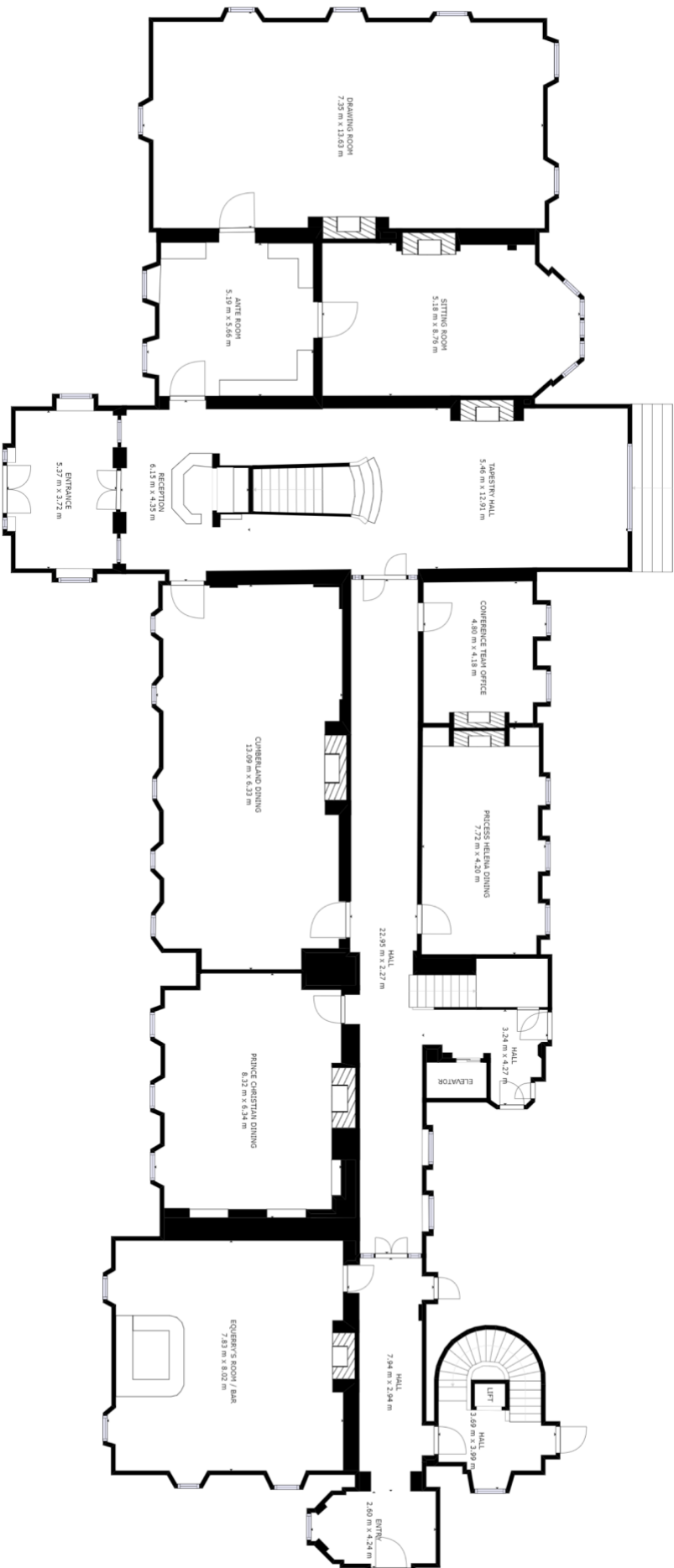
Following the death of her mother, Queen Elizabeth II took up the role of Patron in February 2003. In June 2005, a new incorporated charity, known simply as Cumberland Lodge, assumed the operating role and the assets of the foundation, which still exists as holder of the warrant for the property.

Over the years, Cumberland Lodge has developed in terms of both its range of activities and its facilities. From 1970 to 1980 the Mews were converted into conference facilities and extra bedrooms, because in the early days the Lodge itself had accommodated all visitors. Under Lord Vaizey, who was Principal from 1982 to 1984, the whole complex of buildings was modernised and upgraded, and an emerging policy of accepting groups other than students was consolidated. Shortly afterwards, we launched our own programme of St Catharine's Conferences and events, which was the basis for the wide range of cross-disciplinary conferences, seminars and events we organise today.

By the late 1980s, Cumberland Lodge had evolved into what is recognisable today: an educational foundation that aims to understand and address issues of social division by bringing people together and provoking fresh thinking and open discussion, to help bring about more cohesive societies. Our venue hire facilities help to support our charitable work. The Lodge offers a magnificent yet elegant and relaxed setting for private conferences, meetings, retreats, away days, professional development courses, weddings and other special events.

Mews Conference Centre



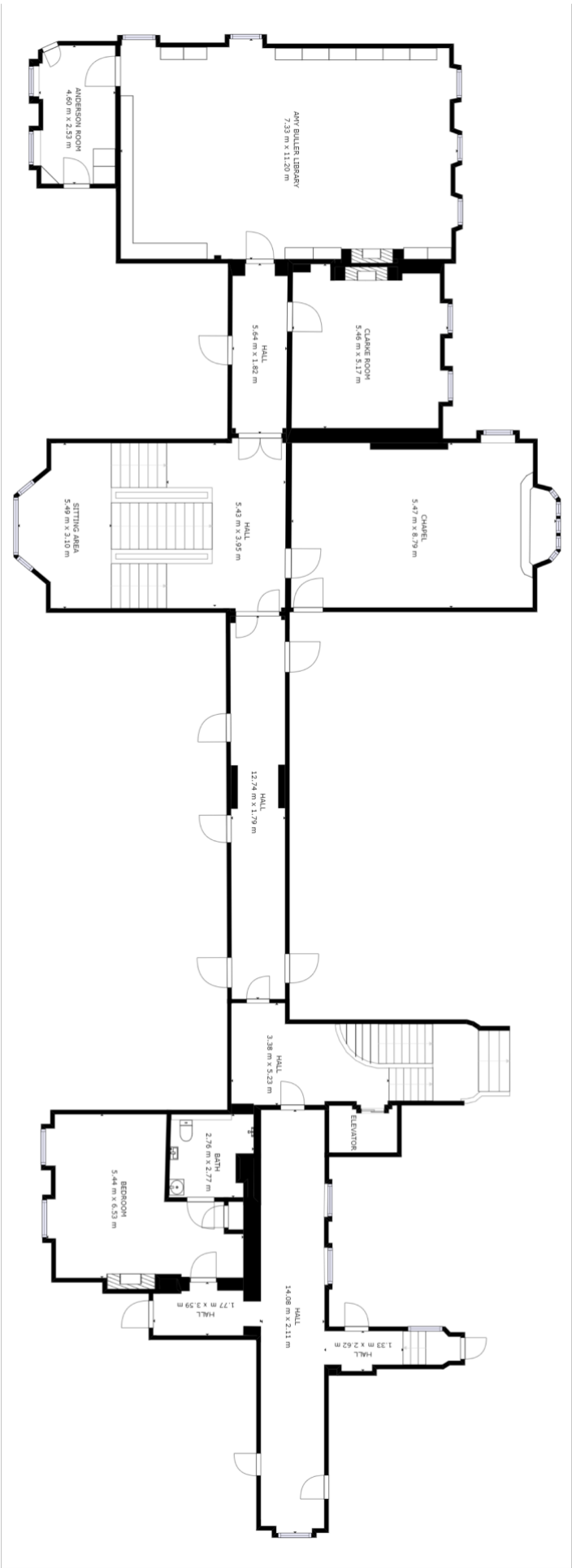


Ground Floor

Cumberland Lodge

Gross Internal Area
 Basement: 278 m²; Ground Floor: 678 m²; 1st Floor: 356 m²; 2nd Floor: 161 m²
 Total 1473 m²

Sizes and dimensions are approximate, actual may vary.



1st Floor

Cumberland Lodge

Gross Internal Area

Basement: 278 m²; Ground Floor: 678 m²; 1st Floor: 356 m²; 2nd Floor: 161 m²

Total 1473 m²

Sizes and dimensions are approximate, actual may vary.

Directions for the Royal Chapel of All Saints

please remember

- to dress smartly (no jeans, shorts, trainers or t-shirts, please).
- to bring your pass
- to bring photo ID (passport, driving licence or university card).
- to bring money for the collection.
- not to bring phones, cameras or other electronic devices.
- not to bring large handbags.

You will need to leave the Lodge by 10.20am at the latest.

Directions

- Walk down the road in front of the main entrance to the Lodge, and take the first road to the left.
- At the next junction, bear left but do not take the sharp left turn.
- Keep walking until you reach a crossroads, and turn left - the gate for Royal Lodge will be directly in front of you.
- At the gate you will go through a police check. Please have your pass and photo ID ready.
- Walk up the road, and take the turn by the cottage (Royal Chapel will be signposted).

