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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**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.

**Thursday 20 June 2019: Churches Together in England**, 27 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HH: seminar on *Juridical Ecumenism: A New Approach to Church Unity*: **11.30 am to 3.00 pm**, further details below.

**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.

**Saturday 28 March 2020: The Society's day conference** – *Synodical Government: Fit for Purpose?* At the Minerva House offices of Winckworth Sherwood, **10 am till 4 pm**: further details below.

*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.*

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## **COLLOQUIUM OF ANGLICAN AND ROMAN CATHOLIC CANON LAWYERS 2019**

The Colloquium of Anglican and Roman Catholic Canon Lawyers met at the Venerable English College, Rome, from 10 to 12 April, thanks to the generous hospitality of the Rector, Mgr Philip Whitmore. The subject of this year's Colloquium was 'The Law of Liturgy', convened by Prof Norman Doe, Fr Robert Ombres OP and Prof Mark Hill QC. On each topic a paper was presented by the Anglican team and by the Roman Catholic team, with discussion following:



- 'The Purposes of Liturgical Law': Prof Norman Doe (Cardiff University) and Fr Andrew Cole (Diocese of Nottingham);
- 'Creation of Liturgical Texts and Adaptation': Sion Hughes Carew (Westcott House, Cambridge), the Ven Jane Steen (Archdeacon of Southwark), and Fr James Campbell SJ (Hekima College, Nairobi);
- 'Administration of Liturgy': The Revd Stephen Coleman (Diocese of London) and Fr Benjamin Earl OP (Procurator General of the Order of Preachers);

- ‘Oversight and Discipline’: The Revd Russell Dewhurst (Diocese of Guildford) and Dr Helen Costigane SHCJ (St Mary’s University, London); and
- ‘Regulation of Liturgical Music’: Charlotte Miles (Cardiff University) and Fr Luke Beckett OSB (Ampleforth).

In addition, Mgr Philip Whitmore addressed the group on the subject of Liturgical Formation in Seminaries and the Revd Canon Anthony Curren, from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and Co-Secretary of ARCIC, discussed the new ARCIC document *Walking together on the Way* and, in particular, the paragraphs citing the importance of canon law in ecumenical sharing and how the Colloquium might usefully feed back into ARCIC’s work. The Colloquium also visited the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, where Archbishop Arthur Roche spoke about the Congregation’s work. Also present at the Congregation was Mgr Brian Ferme, prelate secretary of the Council for the Economy and a former participant in the Colloquium, who was able to explain some of the financial aspects of the Holy See’s work. [Russell Dewhurst]



### ***JURIDICAL ECUMENISM: A NEW APPROACH TO CHURCH UNITY***

Churches Together in England (CTE) is hosting a seminar on **Thursday 20 June 2019** from 11.30 am to 3.00 pm at its office, 27 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HH. *Juridical Ecumenism: A New Approach to Church Unity* will explore ways in which church law, rules and conventions might converge to deepen ecumenical endeavours.

The seminar will give an account of the work done so far by the Christian Law Project; in particular, it will report on the *Principles of Christian Law* – with wide ecumenical convergence – already published in the *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*. It will also explore with English Churches the ways in which juridical ecumenism might contribute to unity and mission. The speakers will be the Revd Dr Paul Goodliff, General Secretary of CTE and the Baptist member of the panel that developed the *Principles*, and Professor Norman Doe and Professor Mark Hill QC (who need no introduction). The full programme is [here](#). The cost is £25.00, to include refreshments and lunch. Spaces are limited, so early booking is advised. [Book here](#).

## 2020 DAY CONFERENCE

The 2020 Day Conference, to be held at the Minerva House offices of Winckworth Sherwood, from 10 am to 4 pm on **Saturday 28 March**, will mark the centenary of the entry into force of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919. Speakers will include the Most Revd John Sentamu, Archbishop of York and Patron of the Society, the Rt Revd Christine Hardman, Bishop of Newcastle, the Rt Revd Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, the Rt Revd Pete Broadbent, Bishop of Willesden and the Ven Jane Steen, Archdeacon of Southwark. **10 am till 4 pm.**

## LEGAL RESOURCES PAGES ON THE WEBSITE

The Society's legal resources pages provide links to useful materials, including statutes, canons, cases, books and guidance. At present, they focus on the law of the Church of England, but we hope to broaden this in the future. Subjects currently available are:

- [Baptism](#)
- [Faculty Jurisdiction](#)
- [Liturgy](#)
- [Marriage.](#)

Subjects under development during 2019:

- Academic Study of Anglican Canon Law
- Burial & Cremation
- Clergy Discipline
- Ecumenical Relations
- Ministry
- Parish Vacancies
- Parochial Church Councils
- Parsonages. [*Russell Dewhurst*]

## YORK DIOCESAN AND PROVINCIAL REGISTRY

Louise Connacher, a partner at Lupton Fawcett LLP and currently Deputy Registrar of the Diocese of York, has been appointed Acting Diocesan Registrar of York from 15 April, in succession to the late Caroline Mockford, and Deputy Provincial Registrar.

## DIOCESE OF SODOR & MAN: NEUTRAL CITATIONS

In his [Practice Note No. 1 of 2015](#) on neutral citations, the Dean of Arches intentionally avoided making provision for the Isle of Man. Consequently, the Vicar General of Sodor & Man has had to decide on his own form of neutral citation and, rather than keeping to

the potentially problematic convention of a 3-character reference for the Diocese (you can work that one out for yourselves), he has opted for 'Sodor'. However, in his 2018 judgment he used 'IOM' and he has asked that the 2018 citation be changed to match the other judgments. Consequently, it is now *Re Christ Church Laxey* [2018] ECC Sodor 1. [FC & David Pocklington]

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