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**THE SECOND NORTHERN PROVINCE LECTURE OF
2020**

The second Northern Province Lecture will be given by the Bishop of Ripon, the Rt. Rev'd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, and will take place on 25 June.

Bishop Helen-Ann's lecture will take a closer look at the context of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, where she served as Bishop of Waikato before serving in her current role in the Diocese of Leeds. Bishop Helen-Ann is reported as saying that: *"The Anglican Church in New Zealand offers a fascinating case study that enables us to examine the complexities of law and culture, and how ecclesiastical structures try to both reflect and even go beyond the constitutional basis of New Zealand Government whilst navigating a path through multiple jurisdictions."*

The lecture will take place online, using Zoom or equivalent technology, and is now fully booked. It will be made available on the Society's YouTube channel in due course.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 25 June: Northern Province Lecture, 5:30pm - 7:00 pm: The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Ripon, on "*Law and life in the Anglican Communion*". This will be **live streamed** and then placed on the Society's new YouTube platform. This event is now fully booked.

Tuesday 29 September: Northern Province Lecture at Sheffield Cathedral, 5:30pm - 7:00pm: Dr. Eve Poole, Third Church Estates Commissioner and Chair of the Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee and the Bishoprics and Cathedrals Committees, on "*Regulation and governance under the new Cathedrals Measure: the start of a new Chapter?*" [Book here](#).

Wednesday 7 October: London Lecture, 5.30 - 7:00pm: William Nye, Secretary General of the General Synod and Archbishops' Council, on "*The Church of England: Some Personal Reflections on Structure and Mission*". [Book here](#).

Wednesday 18 November: Northern Province Lecture, 5:30 - 7:00pm: Kate Davey, barrister and trustee of The Victorian Society, on "*Victorian architecture, the amenity societies and the parish church—a compatibility guide*". [Book here](#).

Wednesday 25 November: London Lecture, 5.30 - 7:00pm; to be preceded by the Annual General Meeting of the Society: The Rev'd Dr. William Adam, Archbishop of Canterbury's Ecumenical Adviser and Director of Unity, Faith and Order for the Anglican Communion, on "*Communion and Jurisdiction*". [Book here](#).

2021 RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE

The Society's Residential Conference for 2021 will take place from **19 March 2021 to 21 March 2021** at the County Hotel, Newcastle, and will consider "*The Solemnization of Matrimony: Past, present and future*".

Speakers will include: Professor Helen Berry (Newcastle University), Stephen Borton (Archbishop of Canterbury's Faculty Office), Professor Nick Hopkins (Law Commission), Sir Andrew MacFarlane (President of the Family Division), Sandra Millar (Head of Life Events, Church of England) and Professor Rebecca Probert (Exeter University). [Book here](#).

London Lectures are held at the offices of Winckworth Sherwood, Minerva House, 5, Montague Close, London SE1 9BB. Lectures start at 5:30pm and end at 7:00pm.

With the exception of the lectures on 25 June and 29 September, **Northern Province Lectures** are held at the offices of the Diocese of Leeds, 17-19, York Place, Leeds LS1 2EX. Lectures start at 5.30pm and end at 7:00pm.

At both venues, you are invited to arrive from 5:00pm onwards and stay after the lecture for refreshments.

FROM THE EDITOR

As is becoming a common theme in these editorials, and as the Chairman has recently reinforced in his [letter to the Society](#), the ELS is continuing to function with an exciting programme of lectures and events in the midst of the global Covid-19 pandemic. Given the gradual easing of restrictions, it is tentatively hoped that we may all be able to meet face to face for the Annual General Meeting, now scheduled for **25 November 2020**. In the meantime, Zoom is the order of the day, and our first ever live online lecture will be given by Bishop Helen-Anne Hartley at the end of this month, and it is hoped that the session will provide the opportunity for our members all around the world to meet virtually. The News section below continues to be populated by contributions from Frank Cranmer.

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NEWS

The Society's YouTube channel is now live!

A number of interviews now appear on the Society's [YouTube channel](#), including an interview with Professor Norman Doe about the origins of the [LLM Canon Law Course](#) at Cardiff University; a conversation between Russell Dewhurst, Frank Cranmer and David Pocklington on the [Law and Religion UK Blog](#); a conversation with Andrea Russell on teaching Canon law at theological college; and a conversation with Simon Baker on the work of the education sub-committee of the Society. Readers can click the red "[Subscribe](#)" button on [this page](#) to be notified automatically when new videos are added.



Canons reading group

The Society's *Canons Reading Group*, convened by The Rev'd Russell Dewhurst, has proved so popular during the lockdown period that there are now four groups making their way—*via* Zoom—through the canons and discussing the legal, theological and historical context in which they operate. One such group is pictured below. Further information can be found [here](#).



Covid-19 Guidance for Churches

Further updates from the Church of England during the Covid-19 pandemic can be found [here](#), which includes updated FAQ sections. With places of worship now able to open for private prayer, a statement from the Bishop of London was issued, which can be found [here](#).

The House of Bishops has also met and approved guidance on funerals, the celebration of Holy Communion and ordinations, which can be found [here](#).

The Government guidance concerning places of worship more generally can be found [here](#).

Appointment of the Dean of the Arches and Auditor of the Chancery Court

On 2 June, the Archbishops announced that Morag Ellis QC has been appointed as Dean of the Arches and Auditor on the retirement of Charles George QC.

Emergency marriages in England & Wales

On 9 April, the Faculty Office published updated guidance on [emergency marriages in hospital, hospice or at home](#) in England & Wales.

Law Commission reappointment

The Secretary of State for Justice has [announced](#) the reappointment of Professor Nick Hopkins as Law Commissioner for property, family and trust law for a five-year term from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2025. Professor Hopkins is to be one of the speakers at the 2021 residential conference in Newcastle.

General Synod of the Church of England (Postponement of Elections) Order 2020

The [General Synod of the Church of England \(Postponement of Elections\) Order 2020](#) came into force on 21 May. In brief,

- (i) the date on which the Convocations of Canterbury and York stand dissolved for the purposes of the [Church of England Convocations Act 1966](#) is postponed to 31 July 2021; and
- (ii) a person who, immediately before the scheduled dissolution, is a member of the Convocation of Canterbury or York or a member of the House of Laity of the General Synod is to continue as such until the next dissolution of the General Synod or, if sooner, the vacation of the member's seat or the member's term of office otherwise coming to an end.
