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**WEBINAR: CANON LAW EDUCATION AND THE
FORMATION OF PRIESTS**

Tuesday 8 September: The Society's first webinar: Canon Law Education and the Formation of Priests, 5:30pm by Zoom. This webinar will consider canon law education in the formation of priests, at theological colleges, seminaries, and in non-residential training. The panellists will discuss the place of canon law in the syllabus of theological education institutions, and their own experiences of teaching canon law to students preparing for ordained ministry. The webinar will focus on the churches of the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church.

Confirmed panellists include Dr Helen Costigane, the Rev'd Stephen Farrell, and the Rev'd Dr Andrea Russell. Free to members and non-members. The event is currently sold out, but you can still join a waiting list. [Book here.](#)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Tuesday 29 September: Northern Province Lecture, 5:30pm - 7:00pm: Dr. Eve Poole, Third Church Estates Commissioner and Chair of the Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee and the Bishops 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](#).

*All lectures, until further notice, will be held remotely.
Please see the individual booking pages for more information.*

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN: RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE 2021 CANCELLED

At a recent meeting of the Trustees a unanimous decision was taken, with sadness and regret, to cancel the Society's Residential Conference scheduled to take place in Newcastle on 19-21 March 2021 on the subject of *The Solemnisation of Marriage—Past, Present and Future*. With uncertainties persisting as to when large-scale gatherings might be possible in the future, and noting that the return to normality for travel and accommodation was still some considerable way off, it could not be guaranteed either that the event could proceed or that a sufficient number of people would be willing or able to attend to make it viable. The prospect of deferring a decision was rejected as this would expose the Society to financial liabilities, whereas this timely cancellation has cost the Society nothing.

We are grateful to the principal speakers who have agreed to participate in a virtual conference on **Saturday 20 March 2021** when their papers can be presented and discussed remotely. Please note this date in your diary. Further details will be circulated after the summer break.

M.H.

FROM THE EDITOR OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL LAW JOURNAL

In the early part of lockdown in late March Cambridge University Press ceased all their printing. This means that the May issue of the *Ecclesiastical Law Journal* was not printed at the usual time. I am pleased to say that Cambridge have started printing again and that our May issue was sent to print on 23 July. The Press are clearing their backlog in order so, whilst the May issue should be sent out in the next week or two there may also be a slight delay in the printing of the September issue whilst the backlog is cleared.

In the meantime, ELS members can access the May issue online. If you visit www.ecclawsoc.org.uk and click on 'Login' this will take you to the log in page. Once you have logged in a 'Members' link will appear on the page and from here you can click through to the Journal.

If you have never had or have forgotten your password click on the forgot password link and enter the email address the society holds for you.

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NEWS

LONDON LECTURES 2021 ANNOUNCED

Wednesday 24 February 2021

Paul Morris Esq, Sometime Registrar, the dioceses of London and Southwark
Landmark events in Ecclesiastical law during four decades—reflections by a former Registrar

Wednesday 12 May 2021

Dr Eve Poole, Third Church Estates Commissioner
Regulation and governance under the new Cathedrals Measure: the start of a new Chapter?

Wednesday 15 September 2021

The Right Worshipful Morag Ellis QC, Dean of the Arches and Auditor
Clean and green - law and the carbon neutral Church

Wednesday 17th November 2021

Peter Collier QC, Vicar General of the Province of York
50 years of Safeguarding—950 years of Clergy discipline: Where do we go from here?

YouTube interviews

Further videos have been uploaded on the [Society's YouTube page](#), including interviews with the Rev'd Dr Will Adam (on the Ecclesiastical Law Journal); Dr Helen Costigane (on the practice and teaching of Canon Law in the Roman Catholic Church); the Rev'd Stephen Farrell (on Ecclesiastical Law in the Church of Ireland); the Rev'd Dr Andrea Russell (on teaching Canon Law at Theological College); and the Ven Simon Baker (on the work of the ELS Education Committee).



Trust Registration Service update

HMRC has published a [summary of responses](#) to the Technical Consultation on the Fifth Money Laundering Directive and the Trust Registration Service (TRS), which includes [proposed regulations](#). The original intention was that charities in England and Wales currently excepted from registration and charities with an income of under £5,000—as well as charities in Northern Ireland that are waiting to register with the CCNI and Scottish charities—would need to register with the TRS. The proposal caused some consternation among small unregistered congregations; however, the Government has now decided that, in general, charities will *not* be required to register with the TRS. The draft Regulations insert a new Schedule 3A (Excluded Trusts) into the [Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds \(Information on the Payer\) Regulations 2017](#) which includes the following exemption:

'Charitable trusts

5. A trust for charitable purposes which—
- (a) in Scotland or Northern Ireland, is registered as a charity; or
 - (b) in England and Wales, is registered as a charity or not required to register by virtue of section 30(2)(a) to (d) of the Charities Act 2011(c).'

Legislation update

The [Channel Islands Measure 2020](#) has received Royal Assent. The Measure makes provision for the attachment of the Channel Islands to the diocese of Salisbury; the application of Church Measures to the Channel Islands; and for Church representation for the Channel Islands.