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**ELS WORKING PARTY PUBLISHES INTERIM REPORT ON  
THE CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE 2003**

Members will be aware that earlier this year the ELS established a Working Party, under the leadership of Peter Collier QC, to review the operation of the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003. The Working Party has now produced its **Interim Report** which scopes out the issues to be addressed and provides an indication of direction of travel for reform. There is also an **Executive Summary**.

The opinions expressed in both documents are those of the Working Party, whose membership is recorded in the Report, and not necessarily those of the ELS or the trustees.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**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](#). Please monitor your emails for more information about the format for the AGM.

### LONDON LECTURES 2021

**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 17 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?*

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

### PAST LECTURES

For those who missed it, the Rt. Rev'd Dr. Helen-Anne Hartley's lecture, on ***Law and Life in the Anglican Communion*** (from June 2020) can be viewed on the Society's [YouTube](#) page.

## NEWS

### Chairman gives keynote presentation at Global Lawyering Spotlight Lecture Series

On 5 October 2020, Mark Hill QC spoke at the second lecture in the Global Spotlight Lecture Series on ‘*Coronavirus and the Curtailment of Religious Liberty: A Global Review*’. You can view the lecture [here](#).

### In conversation with our Vice Chair

As part of our ongoing YouTube series, the Rev’d Russell Dewhurst has been in conversation with our Vice Chair, the Rt. Rev’d Stephen Conway, to obtain a bishop’s perspective on ecclesiastical law. You can view the video [here](#). Other videos uploaded recently include a conversation with the Rev’d James Bradley (Assistant Professor of Canon Law at the Catholic University of America) on personal ordinariates. You can view that [here](#).



### Member of the ELS appointed General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada

On 25 July 2020 the Council of General Synod [confirmed the appointment](#) of the Ven. Alan Perry as General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada as of 1 September 2020. Alan succeeds the Ven. Michael Thompson. We wish him all the best in his new role.

## **The Society's work in education continues**

The Ven. Simon Baker, Chair of the Society's Education Sub-committee, convened an eminent panel to discuss *Canon Law Education and the Formation of Priests* in September 2020. Panellists included Dr. Helen Costigane SHCJ (Roman Catholic canonist); the Rev'd Stephen Farrell (Registrar of the Province of Dublin and of the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough) and the Rev'd Dr. Andrea Russell (Co-Director of the Centre for Continuing Professional Development and Tutor for Anglican Admissions at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham). You can view the discussion [here](#).

## **Legislation update**

The [Church of England \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 2020 Commencement \(No. 1\) Order 2020](#) brought into force the [Church of England \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Measure 2020](#) on 1 September 2020 "*so far as not already in force, except for sections 1(4) and (5) and section 8*". Sections 1(4) and (5) relate to members of religious communities and section 8 concerns parochial registers.

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