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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

A final reminder that the Society's AGM will be held by *Zoom* on **Wednesday 25th November 2020** at 5:30pm.

Booking closes 24 hours before. The booking page and the AGM notice and agenda can be found [here](#).

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2020

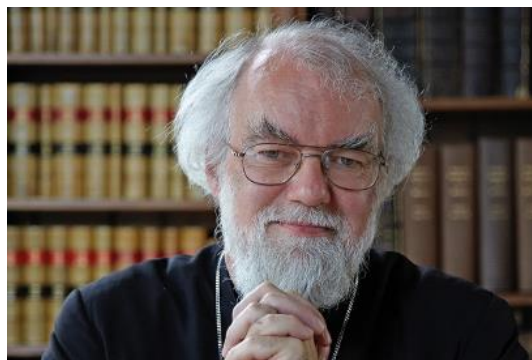
Wednesday 18 November: Northern Province Lecture, 6:15 - 7:45pm (**please note the revised start time**): Kate Davey, barrister and trustee of The Victorian Society, on “*Victorian architecture, the amenity societies and the parish church—a compatibility guide*”. [Book here](#).

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](#).

ROWAN WILLIAMS ON “SAVING OUR ORDER: THOMAS BECKET, HENRY II AND THE LAW OF CHURCH AND STATE”

The *Ecclesiastical Law Society*, in association with Villanova University, Notre Dame University, and the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral, extend a warm invitation to this special public lecture by Lord Williams of Oystermouth, to mark the 850th anniversary of the murder of Saint Thomas of Canterbury.

This event will be held by *Zoom* on **10 December 2020, 5:30pm–7:00pm**. [Book here](#).



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

NORTHERN PROVINCE LECTURES 2021

Wednesday 27 January 2021

Louise Connacher, Principal Registrar of the Province of York

First impressions from a new Provincial Registrar. [Book here.](#)

Wednesday 21 April 2021

The Worshipful John Bullimore, Chancellor of the Dioceses of Blackburn and Derby

Best practice in the consistory court and other bits, some guidance from a retiring Chancellor. [Book here.](#)

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. [Book here.](#)

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? [Book here.](#)

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. [Book here.](#)

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? [Book here.](#)

NEWS

New ecclesiastical law curricula launched

The Society has now launched two curricula, which have been designed to give an overview of the topics and sources of ecclesiastical law, with which clergy and lay office holders ought to be familiar.

The curriculum for clergy can be found [here](#), the curriculum for lay office holders can be found [here](#), and the introductory YouTube video (a conversation between the Worshipful Ruth Arlow and the Rev'd Russell Dewhurst) can be found [here](#).

The trustees hope that those already involved in teaching will find the curricula helpful, and that these documents will provide encouragement and support to others who may wish to launch training initiatives. They are a work-in-progress and will be kept under review. Suggestions from users on additions and revisions would be welcome—do send comments to the Editor of this *Newsletter* using the contact details above.



Legislation update

The [General Synod \(Remote Meetings\) \(Temporary Standing Orders\) Measure 2020](#) received Royal Assent on 4 November 2020.

ADVENT QUIZ 2020

By David Pickup

Is it legal?

1. While cleaning out the vestry to convert it into a crèche, a sidesperson finds a packet of gold coins hidden at the back of a disused harmonium. The sidesperson suggests you sell them as they look valuable.
2. Someone suggests the Rector should get knighted. (They might have used a different word but let us think about knighting a member of the clergy.)
3. A neighbouring church is in an *interregnum* and wants to advertise for a new rector but insists the job must go to a couple, since it is important the new incumbent is fully supported and clergy spouses are so important to the running of a parish.
4. A member of the PCC offers to be secretary but says when he clerks other meetings he is paid £50.00. He will only be the secretary if he is paid.
5. Your bishop arrives to take the confirmation service and is installed in the chair set aside for that purpose. The vicar suggests moving the Victorian lectern to the side of the “throne” so the congregation can see the bishop. The bishop is accidentally pinned to the floor by the heavy lectern which has her trapped by her robes. Do you need a faculty to move it back again?
6. At the annual fête someone complains that the Rectory home-made pickles do not display their ingredients and they always have a bad reaction to anything the vicar produces.
7. You are catching a train to the diocesan synod and see a “Queue Here” sign at the booking office. You go to the front of the queue and explain you are late and ask if you can get your ticket. You are told to go to the back of the queue which you refuse.
8. The PCC are almost all women. Can you put an advertisement in the church magazine encouraging men to apply? The choir leader hears of this and puts a notice up to say “No more women, only men may apply”.
9. Your churchwarden has put up a noticeboard in the churchyard to say a faculty is required for any works in the churchyard. Does this need a faculty?
10. You have a service outdoors about poverty and the curate suggests she goes along the main road with a collecting bucket and then in the park to raise funds for a national charity. She will get a rota of people to watch the bucket and ask for people to donate.

David says that the best entry received by **6th January 2021** will receive some chocolate. Please send entries to David@pickupandscott.co.uk.
