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SAVE THE DATES

ELS DAY CONFERENCE
Saturday 22 April 2022

The Ecclesiastical Law Society Day Conference will take place on **Saturday 2 April 2022** in **London**, on the subject of **Accidents of Ecclesiastical Governance: Past, Present and Future?**

Speakers at the conference will include Professor Norman Doe, Bishop Pete Broadbent, the Revd Canon Professor Alison Milbank and Bishop Christopher Hill. Further details including venue and booking arrangements will be sent to members in due course.

LYNDWOOD LECTURE
Tuesday 23 November 2022

The Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland is hosting this year's Lyndwood Lecture, to be delivered by Father James Conn, SJ, superior of the Casa Santa Maria in Rome. It is intended that this will take place in person in London (venue to be confirmed) and also streamed for online viewing. Further details will follow once finalised.

FORTHCOMING LECTURES 2021 - 2022

At the present time, some of our events remain online and others will take place in person. Please check the website for further details.

Lectures are free of charge and are open to members and non-members save where otherwise stated.

Wednesday 20 October 2021

A joint online lecture by the Revd Stephen Coleman (Assistant Director of the Cardiff Centre for Law and Religion) and the Revd Russell Dewhurst (Chair of the ELS Communications Committee)

The Canons of the Church of England—reflections on some fundamentals of ecclesiastical law.

Details [here](#).

Thursday 4 November 2021

The Rt. Worshipful Morag Ellis QC, Dean of the Arches and Auditor

Clean and green—law and the carbon neutral Church

Details [here](#).

Please note, this is a revised, online version of the lecture delivered by Morag Ellis in person in September. This version of the lecture will feature a panel who will respond to its content.

Wednesday 17 November 2021

The Rt. Worshipful 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?

Details [here](#).

Please note - this event is due to take place at Winckworth Sherwood, Winckworth Sherwood, 5 Montague Close, London, SE1 9BB and is now fully booked. If you have booked but can no longer attend, please cancel your booking to make space available for others.

Please note all of the lectures below are intended to take place in person at Winckworth Sherwood in London. Further events are planned, both online and in-person outside London - watch this space for further details!

Wednesday 16 February 2022

Ian Blaney, Partner at Lee Bolton Monier-Williams LLP and Registrar of the dioceses of Lincoln and Derby

Pious Causes: the boundaries between charity law and ecclesiastical law

Details [here](#).

Wednesday 18 May 2022

Dr Charlotte Smith, Associate Professor in Law, University of Reading

(Mis)adventures in Empire: The Colonial Bishops Fund and the Birth of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

Details [here](#).

Wednesday 14 September 2022

Worshipful David Etherington QC, Chancellor of the dioceses of London and Norwich
In Defence of the Chancellor
Details [here](#).

Wednesday 16 November 2022

The Right Revd Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely
Canonical perspectives on the teaching of sacramental theology for the Church of England today
Details [here](#).

Where held in person, spaces are limited and prior booking (through the website) is essential. Booking closes 48 hours before the event (or when the event is full), but please contact the Executive Secretary execsec@ecclawsoc.org.uk for late availability requests. If you find you can no longer attend, please cancel your booking to make the space available for someone else.

NEWS

Church of England Governance Review

The Church of England Governance Review working group established by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York has published its **report** recommending changes to the Church's national governance structures.

In brief, it recommends that most of the existing national governing bodies of the Church of England and their underlying functions should be brought into a single charitable body, the Church of England National Services (CENS), which would be governed by a Board of Trustees. The report will be considered by the Church's governance bodies during the autumn.

Consultation on the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

The consultation period for the review of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 has been extended. Responses are now due by 31 October 2021.

The main aim of the review has been to consider how the legislation and processes associated with the Measure can be improved and simplified. The Measure makes provision for the legal reorganisation of parishes and benefices, dioceses, and the closure and re-use of church buildings no longer needed for public worship.

A link to more information, and the consultation itself (which can be completed online as well as in writing) is available [here](#).

Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland's Newsletter

The Revd Pius Collins o.praem. has recently been appointed editor of the CLSGBI's Newsletter, and would like to invite members of the Ecclesiastical Law Society to contribute to the Newsletter.

Of particular interest would be submissions concerning the interplay between the civil law in any of the jurisdictions of Great Britain and Ireland and religious groups, or charities.

Please contact him directly for more information: pius.collins@norbertines.org.uk.

New Church of England and ChurchCare Guidance Notes

The Church of England has recently issued new guidance notes on its ChurchCare web pages, to cover:

- Biomass and Solar PV; see [here](#)
- EV Charging; see [here](#)
- Heating principles, checklist and perspectives; see [here](#)
- Church Heating: Options appraisals and getting advice; see [here](#)
- Bells – and permitted works under Lists A and B; see [here](#)
- An updated brief guide to church building works with archaeological implications; see [here](#)
- Updated guidance on Disposals and Loans to bring in line with the amended faculty rules; see [here](#)

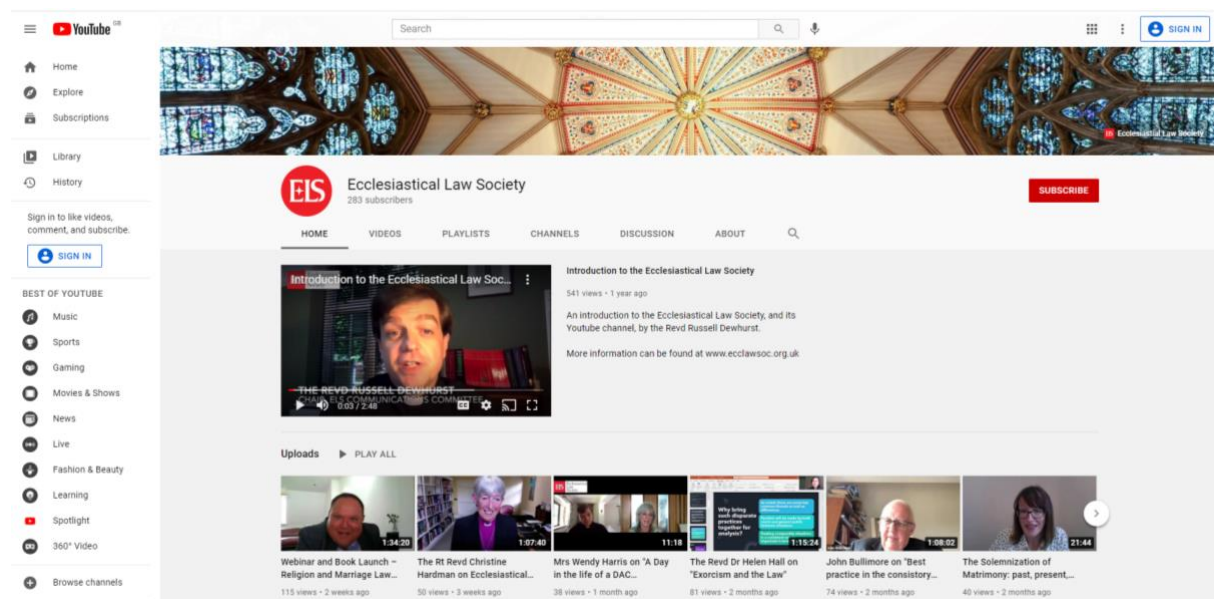
Church in Wales – variations to liturgy

The Church in Wales has been considering a proposed “Bill to Authorise and Regulate Minor Variations to Authorised Liturgies”. This “seeks to clarify the canon law surrounding variations within the liturgical life of the Church in Wales by specifying the nature and extent that clergy may authorise or adopt...variations”. The [Bill](#) was accompanied by an [Explanatory Memorandum](#).

And, in case you missed it...

The Ecclesiastical Law Society on YouTube

The *Ecclesiastical Law Society* has its own dedicated YouTube channel – you can sign up to subscribe and view past recordings of lectures and interviews [here](#).



The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for the Ecclesiastical Law Society. The channel has 283 subscribers and a red 'SUBSCRIBE' button. The main video is titled 'Introduction to the Ecclesiastical Law Society' by Revd Russell Dewhurst, with 541 views and posted 1 year ago. Below the main video is an 'Uploads' section with a 'PLAY ALL' button and a row of six video thumbnails. The thumbnails are: 'Webinar and Book Launch – Religion and Marriage Law...' (115 views, 2 weeks ago), 'The Rt Revd Christine Hardman on Ecclesiastical...' (50 views, 3 weeks ago), 'Mrs Wendy Harris on "A Day in the life of a DAC..."' (38 views, 1 month ago), 'The Revd Dr Helen Hall on "Exorcism and the Law"' (81 views, 2 months ago), 'John Bullimore on "Best practice in the consistory..."' (74 views, 2 months ago), and 'The Solemnization of Matrimony: past, present...' (40 views, 2 months ago).

Recent additions include:

A Day in the Life of a DDO

The Revd Neil Patterson is the Diocesan Director of Vocations & Ordinands (DDO) in the Diocese of Hereford in the Church of England. In [this video](#) he talks with the Revd Russell Dewhurst about his work.

Law and Religion Scholars Network (LARSN)

The convenor of the network, Christopher Grout talks about its past, present, and future. Find out more about LARSN [here](#). Watch the video [here](#).

Legislation update

The Legislative Reform (Church Commissioners) Order 2021, which was made on 13 July, laid before Parliament on 27 July 2021 and came into force on 28 July 2021, amends the Church Commissioners Measure 1947. See [here](#).

Inter alia:

- Article 2 sets a five-year maximum for nominated members of the Commissioners and a nominated member is not eligible to become a Commissioner again by appointment or election after serving for a consecutive period of ten years until after a five-year interval. A nominated member with ten year's consecutive service may, in exceptional circumstances, serve for a further period of up to 12 months.
- Article 3 makes equivalent provision for the Assets Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee and increases from six to eight the maximum number of lay Commissioners who may be appointed to the Assets Committee.
- Article 4 provides that salaried officials of a diocesan body are no longer disqualified from membership of the Commissioners.
- Article 5 requires lay Commissioners to declare their membership of the Church of England or of a Trinitarian Church and their support for the charitable objects of the Commissioners and provides that a majority of the members of each committee of the Commissioners must be members of the Church of England.
- Article 6 enables meetings of the Commissioners, the Board or its committees to be held remotely and enables the Commissioners to conduct business by correspondence.
- Article 7 expands the charitable objects of the Commissioners to include providing the National Church Institutions with access to the archiving and document storage facilities at Lambeth Palace Library.

Thanks as ever go to Frank Cranmer for these useful contributions.
