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This October, St Francis at The Engine Room, part of the Church of England in the Diocese of London, was officially dedicated by the Bishop of Edmonton.

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HISTORIC RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS ALLIANCE (HRBA) OCTOBER 2017 E-NEWSLETTER

Please continue to let us know what is happening to help secure the future of historic religious buildings, so we can share it with others. **The deadline for information to go in the next e-newsletter is Friday 27 October 2017.** Please email: hrbeditor@theheritagealliance.org.uk

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HRBA

1. NOW BOOKING: Launch event for the revised and expanded Crossing the Threshold toolkit on 3 November 2017 in Birmingham from 10.00am to 4pm

The Historic Religious Buildings Alliance and the Diocese of Hereford are pleased to announce that the new edition of this resource – entitled *Crossing the Threshold: a step by step guide to developing your place of worship for wider community use and managing successful building projects* will be launched at this event. This is being made possible by the award of a £12,000 grant from the Allchurches Trust to HRBA.

The day will also highlight the range of resources available for places of worship wishing to developing community projects.

If you would like further information please contact, Becky Payne hrb@theheritagealliance.org.uk You can see the current version here <https://www.hereford.anglican.org/Crossingthethresholdtoolkit/>

Please book using Eventbrite here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crossing-the-threshold-launch-of-the-updated-and-expanded-toolkit-tickets-37447582728?aff=es2>

2. NOW BOOKING: The 2017 HRBA's BIG UPDATE is taking place on Wednesday 6 December 2017 at St Albans Centre, Holborn, Central London

The Historic Religious Buildings Alliance's BIG UPDATE is your chance to keep up to date with what's happening to secure the future of historic religious buildings, and to chat to others with similar interests and concerns. The only event of its kind, it's friendly, lively, and informal, combining short talks with time for questions and discussion. This year's topics will be as wide ranging as ever including:

- updates on what is happening in Scotland and Wales
- an update on the Cathedrals and Churches Sustainability Review
- The Big Lottery
- The latest on digital resources to help providing interpretation to visitors for churches
- Stir to Action who offer resources on developing community projects
- Stories from Liverpool churches

Booking details <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/historic-religious-building-alliance-big-update-tickets-37450596743?aff=es2> We look forward to seeing you there!

EVENTS

3. Christian Resources Exhibition 17th-19th October, Sandown Park

Exhibitors will include organisations which specialise in the maintenance and development of church buildings. <http://creonline.co.uk>

4. Raising Funds for Christian Charities on Tuesday 21st November 2017 at Central Hall Westminster

A one-day annual conference for Christian charity and church leaders and fundraisers

[https://www.christianfunding.org/?](https://www.christianfunding.org/?utm_source=Stewardship&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7578175_Raising%20Funds%20Conference&utm_content=CF%20Website&dm_i=P3Z,58HKM,OSGZ83,K5PYJ,1)

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5. The Tale of Three Spiritual Cities: the Churches Conservation Trust's Annual Lecture on 23 November 2017

Acclaimed historian Dr Bettany Hughes will deliver the 2017 Candida Lycett Green Lecture telling the story of the city with three names - Byzantium, Constantinople, Istanbul - which stands as the gateway between the East and West, this city has served as the capital of the Roman, Byzantine, Latin and Ottoman Empires. <https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/what-s-on/annual-lecture-2017.html>

6. Ecclesiological Society's Annual Dykes Bower lecture on 5 December 2017 in central London at 6.30pm

A talk by Janet Gough former Director of the Church Buildings Council, entitled 'On a Wing and a Prayer: why we need to get serious about England's Unique Church Heritage – a journey around the Church of England's Churches' <http://eccsoc.org/events/lecture-englands-unique-church-heritage-and-why-its-worth-fighting-for/>

7. Inspiring Rural Communities Together Conference 2017 on 6th December 2017 9:45am to 3.30pm at St Bride Foundation, Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 8EQ

This conference is FREE of charge and open to anyone that lives in, or supports, a rural community in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland and wants to save or start a community owned enterprise - from shops, pubs, woodlands, renewable energy schemes, transport services or anything else, or are simply looking for inspiration and advice <https://www.plunkett.co.uk/Event/inspiring-rural-communities-together-conference-2017>

8. Pilgrimage into Mission a conference hosted by the East Anglian Pilgrimage Network Saturday 3 February 2018, Weston Room, 10am - 4pm

A day learning about how the international surge in popularity of pilgrimage is creating significant opportunities in mission for local parishes.

<https://www.cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/events/detail/2018/02/03/default-calendar/pilgrimage-into-mission-08e6VYqlUEOyd211sbrjtw>

9. Places of Worship in Britain and Ireland 1990–2020 (Oxford) 2–4 February 2018

Last in an annual series of chronologically arranged weekends at Rewley House on Places of Worship in Britain and Ireland. Starting in the 1990s, when members of many of the more recently arrived faiths and Christian denominations began to build permanent, purpose-designed, places of worship, contributors will discuss the proliferation of buildings, discussing their distinctive features, and the ways in which they are used for worship. An overall picture will emerge of how religious diversity is reflected in physical reality and in the contemporary landscape. <https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses/places-of-worship-in-britain-and-ireland-1990-2020?code=O17P104HCR>

NEWS

Items in this section are for information only, and probably do not require any action

10. Winners of Church Times Green Awards announced

The ecumenical awards attracted 117 entries in five categories. Winning entries included a church in County Durham that has involved over 1000 young people in guerrilla gardening and a church in South London that is building a new church hall made out of straw bales. <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/shrinking-the-footprint/news-and-campaigns/shrinking-the-footprint-news/1068-winners-of-church-times-green-awards-announced>

11. Places of Worship at Risk

Historic England's 2017 Heritage at Risk Register has been published and includes 130 new churches.

These include St Anne's Limehouse Parish Church, Commercial Road, Stepney, London and the Church of St George the Martyr, Borough High Street, Bermondsey (which appeared in Little Dorrit) and which received a £20,000 National Churches Trust Repair Grant in July 2017.

937 (6.3%) of listed places of worship are on the Register. 115 places of worship have been removed from the Register following repair work, and 130 have been added. <https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/news/heritage-at-risk-2017>

12. New Consultation on Quinquennial Inspection system

The Church Buildings Council (CofE) has been working with dioceses and with external partners to produce new draft guidance on:

- - The commissioning of Quinquennial Inspection reports
- - A model scheme for dioceses
- - A new online template to be hosted on the Church Heritage Record

You can read the proposals here: <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/about-us/campaigns/news/1067-consultation-on-the-quinquennial-inspection-system>

- 2 Responses are welcomed from all individuals and bodies concerned with the operation of this system. Please write or e-mail your response by the 31st December 2017 to Dr Joseph Elders, joseph.elders@churchofengland.org.

OF INTEREST

Items in this section may lead to action on your part

13. Contactless giving

Trialling of prototype freestanding units that allow donors to make fixed-value donations contactlessly is starting. Twelve cathedrals together with Romsey Abbey are taking part in the trial, with the first unit in place in Romsey Abbey in the last week in October. Church of England Central Services Parish Buying has signed a memorandum of understanding with a company called GoodBox, who are providing the card-readers and all the associated services including reporting and payment.

It is hoped that all the units will be in place before Christmas. Subject to a successful trial, an agreement will be reached to make the units available to other cathedrals and churches through Parish Buying. Parish Buying was set up by the Church of England to serve the needs of churches, cathedrals and dioceses, with nationally managed contracts for a range of products. To view the contracts on offer you can register (for free) <https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/>

14. National Trust reveals how places shape who we are - report published October 2017

Pioneering brain imaging technology for the first time demonstrates how meaningful places impact our conscious and unconscious minds and ground breaking research reveals how places shape our identity and enhance our physical and emotional wellbeing.

Maybe very relevant to how some people feel about church buildings. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stories/why-do-places-mean-so-much>

15. Pilgrimage and England's Cathedrals Past and Present

The Centre for the Study of Christianity and Culture (CSCC) has recently completed a 3 year interdisciplinary research project into pilgrimage past and present, which has produced new and exciting information about why and (more importantly) how people are engaging with sacred places. The results from the four case study cathedrals

have significant implications for churches and chapels of all sizes and denominations and offer hard evidence for what people are experiencing now and what they are seeking. The findings will provide practical advice on the different ways that cathedrals and churches can offer a meaningful experience to all their visitors.

<http://www.christianityandculture.org.uk/research/pilgrimage-and-englands-cathedrals>

16. Irreplaceable: A History of England in 100 Places

Historic England is looking for nominations for the 100 places, buildings and historic sites that tell the story of England and its impact on the world. One of the categories is Faith and Belief. You have until 1st January 2018 to put forward a suggestion. <https://historicengland.org.uk/get-involved/100-places/faith-belief/>

17. Fight for Bath Abbey pews culminates in Consistory Court

Read more about the case. The judgement by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Bath and Wells is expected in the coming months.

<http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/news/fight-for-bath-abbey-pews-culminates-in-consistory-court-hearing/>

RESOURCES AND COURSES

18. FCC Community Action Fund from WREN

Grants for environmental and community-based projects in areas of England and Wales within 10 miles of a Waste Recycling Group landfill sites. Projects must provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenity.

This includes Churches when the funding is sought for community spaces.

Deadline for the next round is 22nd November 2017.

19. Open Welcome – a toolkit for rural churches

A new resource from Germinate: The Arthur Rank Centre, is designed to help rural churches consider how they might use their building to offer welcome and hospitality to those in their community, both residents and visitors.

<http://germinate.net/mission/open-welcome/>

COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

None this month

PUBLICATIONS

20. Church and Heritage Building

High quality bi-monthly print and digital journal, launched 1984. Worth having a look - <http://www.churchbuilding.co.uk/>

21. Chapels of England – 20% HRBA e-newsletter reader discount

Chapels of England is the first substantial synoptic account of Nonconformist church architecture in England and aims to provide a history of Nonconformist architecture, using existing buildings wherever possible. It includes examples from the 17th century to the present day, covering all parts of the country and each of the main religious traditions within Nonconformity. is now in stock.

Our readers can use the discount code CHAPELSHRBA in the Historic England online shop at <https://retail.historicenglandservices.org.uk/chapels-of-england.html> which will give you 20% off the RRP and free postage in the UK. Customers just need to put the discount code in the box on the basket page before checking out.

22. Bells and Bikes: on the Tour de France big ring for Yorkshire and its churches

Read Rod Ismay's story of how Yorkshire Churches were brought centre stage for the Tour de France when Yorkshire became the host for the 2014 Grand Départ.

<https://www.v-publishing.co.uk/books/categories/cycling/bells-and-bikes.html>

VACANCIES

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23. Funding and Project Adviser, Diocese of London

Based at London Diocesan House, Pimlico

Salary: advisable on application

Permanent, Full-time 35 hours per week

The role is to work with parishes to regenerate and maximise the potential of their property and land for missional activity. The Adviser will provide support to projects at key stages of development and implementation as well as more general training and guidance. The role is best suited to a candidate with a passion for the big picture. Knowledge and experience of the Heritage Lottery Fund, Section 106, Community Infrastructure Levy is essential. <https://www.london.anglican.org/jobs/>

For more information and details on how to apply please email the HR Department on recruitment@london.anglican.org or ring 020 7932 1200.

The closing date for applications is Thursday 7th December 2017

24. Invitation to Tender First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund Evaluation

A total of £40million was awarded to this Fund. In total 146 grants have been awarded to 57 Anglican and Catholic Cathedrals. The Fund has supported 133 separate projects (NB some projects received more than one grant).

The overall objective of the evaluation is to assess how far the grants have met the Fund's objectives and criteria (see above).

Closing date 20 November 2017

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/f254e3d1-beab-4a90-9563-80e686e2e9c5>

Voluntary

None this month

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