

Faith and Place: A Future for the Isolated Rural Church

Weston Room, Norwich Cathedral, Wednesday 16th October 2019

- 9:30 Registration - tea and coffee
- 10:00 Welcome: The Chairman, Peter Sheppard opens the Conference and introduces;
- The Very Reverend Jane Hedges, Dean of Norwich
 - General the Lord Dannatt, President of the Norfolk Churches Trust

Morning Session: The Current Situation

- 10:10 The Right Reverend Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester on ***Faith in Place***
- 10:45 Trevor Cooper, Chair of the Historic Religious Buildings Alliance on ***The Isolated Rural church; problems and possibilities***
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:35 Three presentations on the theme of ***The Safety Net***, showing how these organisations work with redundant or little used churches
- Matthew McDade of the Norwich Diocesan Churches Trust
 - Rachael Morley of the Friends of the Friendless Churches
 - Scilla Latham of the Norfolk Churches Trust
- 12:20 John Goodall, Architectural Editor, *Country Life* on ***The Treasures within Norfolk Churches***
- 12:50 Lunch

Afternoon Session: What Can be Done to Help?

- 1:40 Diana Evans, Head of Place of Worship, Historic England on ***TBA***
- 2:10 Two case studies illustrating the challenges faced by rural churches presented by the architects who worked on them
- North Tuddenham - Ruth Blackman of Birdsall, Swash and Blackman
 - Waterden - Nicholas Warns of Nicholas Warns Architects
- 2:40 Holly Isted, Church Building Support Officer, Diocese of Ely on ***Community Engagement for Rural Churches***
- 3:10 Laura Emmins, Suffolk Support Officer on ***The outcomes of the Taylor Review Pilot***
- 3:40 Comfort break
- 3:50 Richard Halsey, Architectural Historian ***'Some thoughts on the day's discussions'***
- 4:20 Chairman Peter Sheppard closes the conference
- Refreshments
- 5:30 Evensong in Norwich Cathedral followed by drinks at The Norfolk Club, 17 Upper King St.