



# Keeping you connected

Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## From the Executive Director

*A message from Anna Pitt*

Dear colleagues and friends,

This week the Heritage Environment Forum released their three-year Heritage Sector Resilience Plan. It makes for excellent reading and I'd encourage you to take a look (click [here](#)). The Forum is doing great work, particularly focusing on collaborative responses from across the sector, so we are looking forward to engaging with those discussions.

I'm pleased to report that our THEOS research is progressing, and we look forward to an interim report towards the end of this year. The cathedrals selected for the detailed survey work will soon be meeting with THEOS to schedule the detailed work.

I was really pleased to receive some helpful feedback after the AGM, and some very important questions.

Please do keep in touch, remembering that the core purpose of the AEC is to support the sector, enable networking, connecting the dots, and it is vital to understand the key issues affecting the sector.

Warm wishes,

Anna Pitt

Executive Director, Association of English Cathedrals

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## This Week's Highlights

**Communications Support Project** - we took advantage of this burst of hot weather to start a #CoolCathedrals thread across our social media - it was great to see some of our cathedrals pick up on this organic opportunity and share.

We've joined Church of England's summer digital campaign #GreatAndSmall - sharing content about our pet services, pink giraffes, dogs in cathedrals etc - and we've got Flora from the digital team at Church House dropping in next week to our monthly **comms catch up** to tell us more.

Meanwhile we hope all our cathedrals are seeing some of our own #WishYouWereHere digital and summer campaign continues and got a mention in the Church Times

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## Vacancies and Appointments

- Chichester Cathedral are seeking to recruit to their verger team. Apply [here](#).
- St Edmundsbury Cathedral are recruiting for a part-time Visitor Experience Manager. Click [here](#) to read about and apply for that role.
- Guildford Cathedral are looking for Head of Fundraising. You can read all about that and apply [here](#).

Don't forget, all of the job descriptions you share with us are uploaded to the CAFA website and can be accessed here: <https://cathedralcafa.org/request-login/>

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## Training & Conference Opportunities

The National Safeguarding Team are running training sessions on the new code of practice for **Managing Safeguarding Concerns and Allegations**. Link to join and contact information as follows:

Wednesday 9th July 2025 from 11:00 - 12 noon ([Click here to join meeting](#))

If you have any questions, please contact [policy.safeguarding@churchofengland.org](mailto:policy.safeguarding@churchofengland.org)

The Ecclesiological Society are running a day conference on 4th October: 'The Twentieth Century Cathedral' details can be found here: [Annual Conference: The Twentieth-Century Cathedral | The Ecclesiological Society](#)

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## Interesting Reports & Information

**‘Being a Pilgrim’ prayer cards on offer** - free starter packs from Faith in the North - Many of you will know the Explore prayer cards that have gone out through churches etc. A special set of cards has just been produced by Faith in the North drawn on AngloSaxon spirituality.

1500 free starter packs of 300 cards for a contribution towards P&P of £5.99

**To order and view them Go to [www.cpo.org.uk/faith-in-the-north](http://www.cpo.org.uk/faith-in-the-north)**

Lambeth Palace Library has launched a new project offering support for Cathedrals with their archiving. Read more about the project and the process for applying for support [here](#).

ALVA have shared the resources from their recent session for PR and Comms Leads. Access them all [here](#).

The deadline for the National Churches Trust Survey has been extended to 13th July. The link to the survey can be found [here](#).

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## Don't Forget...

- The CAFA website is an excellent portal for the storage of bespoke and template policies, job descriptions and plans. Any number of colleagues from your cathedral can register for free: <https://cathedralcafa.org/request-login/>
- To book for the **CAFA Conference 22-24 September, Peterborough Cathedral: Hearts for Mission, Minds for Money**. All details including booking form can be found on the CAFA website. Please book by 30 June. Bursaries available.

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## Stay Connected

Have news to share in next week's edition? Let us know by Wednesday at midday. Contact: Anna Pitt – [anna.pitt@englishcathedrals.co.uk](mailto:anna.pitt@englishcathedrals.co.uk)

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