



Keeping you connected

Newsletter

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From the Executive Director

Dear colleagues and friends,

An opportunity to visit one of our most remote members - Isle of Man Cathedral - was a real gift this week, and I was reminded once again of the warmth and spirit of our volunteer network, and the capacity for cathedrals to have real impact in their communities.

One of our members, Salisbury Cathedral, have identified a potential issue with the HSE's proposed new controls on lead in the workplace which their stained glass conservators fear might render the craft unviable. If you have similar concerns, there is an encouragement to contact the Moira Malcolm and Chris Chesley at ICON who are driving the campaign: (iconstainedglass@gmail.com , membership@icon.org.uk , ionaartglass@btconnect.com)

Our Theos research is well into the data gathering stage with THEOS researchers working on-site this month and next with our case study cathedrals - Rochester, Carlisle, St Albans, Exeter, York and Derby. We're really grateful to the teams in all six cathedrals for their partnership and shared enthusiasm for this project.

We are finalising our speaker schedule for the National Cathedral Conference in Bristol in May 2026, and the team are working hard on logistics so that we can offer you a great experience there. We really look forward to gathering together then for shared learning and fellowship.

Warm wishes, Anna Pitt
Executive Director, Association of English Cathedrals

This Week's Highlights

1. News from the Comms Support Project:

We travelled to Cathedral Isle of Man this week to present the Volunteer Team of the Year award to the Big Table Cafe. The team - made up of cathedral congregation and local community members - have been providing a pay as you can meal (and take outs for later in the week!) to those in need for the last seven years and proved to be a lifeline in lockdown - and all this without any funding from the Government or the Church of England.

2. Vacancies and Appointments

St Edmundsbury are looking to recruit a Fundraising Manager. The closing date is 9.00am on 26 August. Full details and an application form can be found here: <https://stedscathedral.org/vacancies/>

Durham Cathedral is seeking the support of an Accessibility Professional at Durham Cathedral to bring their expertise to help develop the accessibility strategy at Durham Cathedral.

As well as a full audit of the cathedral and its precincts we'd like to work with a consultant to help us find short-, medium- and long-term solutions to improve access across our buildings and grounds. Interested applicants can find out more here - Accessibility Consultant - Durham Cathedral

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=wm#inbox/WhctKLbfPxqCTRgdDTfmTrzspGfBJwLhPbQWLWXHRRnIjmTdrTkptlfMTGbKrLzxsxswJhFb>

Manchester Cathedral are seeking expressions of interest for the Project Manager role for their NLHF Development Phase: www.manchestercathedral.org/about-us/vacancies

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/>

3. Training & Conference Opportunities

The William Temple Foundation are offering training on **Hospitality, Vulnerability and Resilience: An Introduction to Working with Refugees and People with Lived Experience** in November 2025 - for more information contact katya@williamtemplefoundation.org.uk

4. Interesting Reports & Information

Please share with colleagues the link to an updated Heritage Funding Directory:
<https://www.heritagefundingdirectoryuk.org/>

The Church of England have also updated their funding directory for environmental projects: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/fundraising-for-net-zero-carbon#finding-suitable-funders-to-apply-to>

Internship on Holy Island

There's a new opportunity on Holy Island with the announcement of a new internship scheme. A joint project between St Mary's Church and Marygate Retreat House. Please see attached details. The timings are pretty flexible. Please pass this on to whoever you think might benefit from it and do share with relevant contacts.

Details about the internship can be accessed through this link:
<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/CBbmu8a01ZXoYpEa?ref=Link>

5. 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/>

Stay Connected

Have news to share in next week's edition? Let us know by Wednesday at midday.
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