



Keeping you connected

Newsletter

24 April 2026

From the Executive Director

Dear colleagues and friends,

I hope many of you managed some time away for rest and refreshment after Easter.

The final THEOS report is going to print this week, and the final figures are being compiled for State of Life's work on economic impact. We are excited to welcome you to Bristol in May, with 376 delegates now confirmed, it should be a wonderful opportunity to connect with colleagues from across our sector. I know how valuable time with peers can be. I also look forward to seeing many of you next week at the Project Narthex session on 29th April.

A note that HRBA's update on the Places of Worship Renewal Fund, due to be held on 29th April has been postponed. This is because the launch of the scheme has been delayed. As soon as there is a new date available, I will share information.

A reminder from Ken and Sola in the national statistics team, they have had a great response with around 90% of cathedrals returning their statistical data. Having the full detail of sector-wide data is so important to our national conversations, and they aim for 100% response, so please do contact them if you still have information to return.

Warm wishes,

Anna Pitt
Executive Director, Association of English Cathedrals

1. Your AEC National Cathedral Conference Update



We are pleased to advise that the conference programme is now complete. We are excited to share the findings from the Theos and State of Life Research and also to learn more about Project Narthex. In addition, we have some great plenary sessions planned with complementary panel discussions and workshops. You'll find full details on the conference website: <https://www.nationalcathedralsconference.org/>, together with lots of other useful information.

2. Vacancies and Appointments

Vacancies: Don't forget to share your vacancies with us. We will circulate them in this newsletter for interest, and importantly we add them to the CAFA website.

Derby Cathedral are looking to appoint a Head Verger. Full details can be found via the cathedral website: [Vacancies | Derby Cathedral](#), and are also available via the CAFA website. The closing date is 19 April 2026.

The Church of England in the Southwest region are recruiting for a **Regional Net Zero Carbon Fundraiser** to lead strategic fundraising across five dioceses in the South West. If you're passionate about tackling the climate emergency and caring for our world, and have great relationship building skills, this could be the role for you. <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/-vacancies/diocesan-staff/regional-net-zero-fundraiser.php>

3. News from the: Communications Support Project Board

Thanks, as always, to all those involved in making time and space to accommodate media inquiries, I know how busy and time-consuming that can be.

Events - please send through information regarding your events, exhibitions and special services. The AEC events page attracts over 2.5k visitors every month. You can keep us updated via our [Event Capture Form](#). We love to showcase the vast array of events taking place across our network with the aim of amplifying your event and driving more people there and to your website. The form is quick and easy to complete - and please remember to include an image or two. Thank you!

4. Interesting Reports & Information

Our partner **Audience Agency** supports many of our member cathedrals with audience segmentation work through a scheme partially funded by AEC. They have developed a new Audience Development PlayBook supporting cultural organisations to grow their audiences. You can find out more and sign up to an information event by clicking [here](#).

The Changing Role of HR in the Church of England



Date: Thursday 4 June 2026



Time: 10:00 – 16:00



Location: Greyfriars Church



Address: Friar Street, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1EH

Greyfriars Church is conveniently located just a **five-minute walk from Reading railway station**, making it easily accessible by public transport.

This event can be booked by clicking [here](#).

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/>

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

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