

PCC Members' Newsletter

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Annual Accounts and Charity Commission

Thank you very much to all those who completed their mission statistics in time for the portal deadline. We had 99% of our churches complete the mission statistics and we really appreciate the time you have taken to complete this. The online portal link is <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>. The finance portal and energy return is open and will close on 28th June. Thank you to those churches who have already completed this.

There is information on annual reporting and the APCM here:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/apcm/> <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/annual-reporting/>.

Once you have had your APCM, please email your annual return and 2024 accounts to annualaccounts@chichester.anglican.org

If your income for 2024 exceeded £100,000 for any reason and you are not yet registered with the charity commission you will need to sign up for an account. Please follow this link for further information:

<https://parishresources.org.uk/the-pcc-as-a-charity/registration-with-the-charity-commission/>

For those PCCs who already have a Charity Commission account, you have until 31st October to submit your Charity Commission return.

Legacy webinar

Our churches were well-provided for by the generous giving of those who have passed on before us and many of our churches continue to exist because of that enduring generosity. If you are interested in running a legacy campaign in your church, please come along to our legacy webinar to find out more about how you can do that. We will be

running our legacy webinar on Tuesday 20th May at 10am. To book on to this webinar please follow this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ERHP>

New PCC trustees, treasurers and secretary training

We will be running some training sessions for any one who is a new PCC trustee or is thinking about joining a PCC. This will be an online event on either Tuesday 29th April at 10:30am or Wednesday 30th April at 7pm. To book on, please follow this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/ERHR>

We will be running this again in June/July alongside the training for new PCC treasurers and PCC secretaries. Dates and links to follow.

Cornerstone platform

The ministry and mission of parish churches is mostly funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it through money, time and talents. But when times are tough, financial struggles can seem overwhelming. The Cornerstone platform has been developed by the National Giving Team, with the aim that it will take you on a journey to understand your church's giving culture and financial situation. It aims to leave you with clear, simple steps to grow giving and income.

Cornerstone is supported by an online platform that helps show areas where you can focus your resources to get the best results when it comes to increasing the culture of generosity in your church. The platform has easy to follow step-by-step actions which are called Pathways. It also has an extensive grants database which talks you through how to write an application.

We have launched our first roll out of Cornerstone for a small number of churches in the diocese and we hope to do more workshops based in locations in each archdeaconry in the autumn. If you would like access to the Cornerstone platform to access the grants database or to explore the pathways, please contact Molly Reuter (molly.reuter@chichester.anglican.org) who would be happy to set you up with a log in.

Contactless giving device availability

We currently have 4 contactless giving devices that are ready to be loaned out to parishes who would like to try out a contactless giving machine before deciding on buying their own. If you would like to borrow one of our devices please get in touch and we will help you set up an account before we come and set up the device for you in your church.

Church House vacancies

2 x School Effectiveness Officers

We wish to appoint two experienced senior leaders to help us deliver educational excellence and effectiveness across the 155 Church of England schools and academies that belong to the household of faith in the Diocese of Chichester.

As a result of the retirement of two members of the Education team we have a full time and a part time role (0.8) available from September. We are seeking candidates who can support the development of school improvement and Christian distinctiveness provision across our Church of England schools and academies.

Our vision for Education is to be "Deeply Christian, serving the common good." Based at Church House in Hove, we seek to live out our vision to "Know, love and follow Jesus".

The principal duties include:

- Providing advice and support to school leaders on strategies for improvement and raising standards in church schools
- Developing effective processes for school improvement based on monitoring, review and evaluation principles.
- Supporting church schools and academies in their preparation for and response to Ofsted and SIAMS inspections.
- Advising school leaders on the development of the distinctive Christian character and the promotion of spiritual, moral, social and cultural development in the life of their schools and academies.
- **Our ideal candidate will:**
- Be an experienced Headteacher with experience of delivering school improvement and educational excellence.
- Have the ability to build strong professional relationships, have challenging conversations and hold senior school leaders to account with sensitivity and understanding.
- Show evidence of good leadership and organisational skills and have the ability to prioritise tasks, risks and opportunities.
- Be a Christian and committed to the role that church schools play in the formal education and raising of standards.

For full details of the job please see the job description and person specification on the Church of England pathways website: <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/en/jobs/school-effectiveness-officer/2093>

Kind Regards,

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