

Parish Support Newsletter

June edition



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Here's what's to come this month:

APCM Annual Accounts and Parish Finance Returns

Thank you very much to the many parishes who have sent in their annual accounts following APCM and to those who have completed the parish finance return on the parish returns portal.

Please submit APCM appointments as soon as possible after the APCM due to the one in fifteen year challenge of assembling the General Synod electorate.

Once you have had your APCM, please email your annual return and 2025 accounts to annualaccounts@chichester.anglican.org.

Please complete the parish finance return on the parish returns portal by 28th June. If you need access to a log in to the portal please contact molly.reuter@chichester.anglican.org.

The Parish Support Team

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Youth Ministry Resources

We are delighted to be able to offer churches access to a range of high-quality children's and youth ministry resources, fully funded by the Diocese.

While these platforms are normally paid subscriptions, churches can apply for access at no cost through our funding offer.

Churches are welcome to apply for more than one resource depending on the needs of your ministry.

The resources available include:

- Urban Saints Energize - thousands of ready to use Bible based sessions, games, activities and leader support resources for children and young people aged 3-18+.
- RaiseUp Faith - flexible, Jesus-centred curriculum with downloadable lessons, media and activities designed for children's and youth ministry.

- Roots for Churches, Roots on the Web – lectionary based worship and teaching resources helping churches engage all ages with Sunday readings and faith formation.
- Youth for Christ Go (7-11s) - fun, engaging sessions helping younger children explore faith in relevant and accessible ways.
- Youth for Christ Lumen / Rock Solid (11-14s) - interactive youth resources packed with games, discussion starters, media and Bible teaching to help young people explore and grow in faith. Lumen is more discipleship focussed and Rock Solid is designed to be more evangelistic.

To apply, churches simply need to complete the online form below.

[Apply for funded resource access here](#)

Places of worship renewal fund

The Places of Worship Renewal Fund is now open for funding applications.

Administered by Historic England, the new fund is designed to support urgent repairs and essential improvements to listed places of worship in England helping keep buildings safe, open and in use for worship and community activity.

Grants are available from £10,000 to £1,000,000 for capital works, including urgent fabric repairs and essential improvements.

Any listed place of worship in England may apply, provided it is an active place of worship.

More details are available at [Places of Worship Renewal Fund | Historic England](#).

Please get in touch with Caroline Roope, Fundraising Adviser for Church Buildings, if you would like to discuss whether your project may be suitable – caroline.roope@chichester.anglican.org, or 01273 425 796.

Easy fundraising

Almost £100k in donations has just been given to churches using easyfundraising. All courtesy of retailers giving donations when kind supporters shop online.

Your church can be part of the next funding pay out in August by setting up a free easyfundraising page. Simply register your church as a good cause with easyfundraising and ask your church community to choose you as the cause they want to support. Then, each time they shop online with over 8,000 well known retailers like Tesco, trainline, M&S, Sainsbury's, Booking.com, eBay and many more, they'll activate a cashback donation for your church courtesy of the retailer they shopped with – at no extra cost to anyone.

Every three months, the money raised is paid to your church and you can spend it on whatever you like as this classes as unrestricted funding. Find out more and register your church at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/diocese-of-chichester>

Data Protection

The Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 (DUAA) introduces the most significant changes to UK data protection law since GDPR. It amends UK GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR).

Key provisions affecting charities came into force on 5 February 2026, with a further requirement on complaints handling from 19 June 2026.

Changes that are likely to be relevant to parishes:

- “Soft opt-in” for charity marketing. For the first time, charities can rely on a PECR “soft opt-in” to send fundraising and campaign emails/texts without explicit GDPR consent. This means a parish can contact people without explicit written consent, but only if strict conditions are met.
- Stronger expectations on governance and accountability. DUAA reinforces that trustees are accountable for lawful and transparent data use. This aligns with wider Charity Governance Code expectations on risk management and public trust.
- Easier handling of Subject Access Requests (SARs). Charities are now only required to conduct “reasonable and proportionate searches” when responding to SARs.
- DUAA allows some non-intrusive cookies (e.g. analytics and functionality cookies) to be set without consent for insight into website use.
- Changes to complaints handling (new requirement).

From 19 June 2026, organisations must have a clear internal data protection complaints process and give individuals the opportunity to complain to the charity before escalating to the ICO. Your policies and procedures may need updating to reflect this

Church House vacancies

School Governance & Admissions Officer (0.7 FTE)

The Diocese of Chichester is seeking an experienced governance professional to join our education team, supporting 154 Church of England schools across Sussex.

This is a fantastic opportunity to step into a strategic advisory role, working with governing bodies, senior leaders and multi-academy trusts to strengthen governance and compliance.

What's on offer:

- £30,970 (pro rata, FTE £44,242)
- Hybrid working (Hove office + home)
- Generous pension (15.1% employer contribution)
- Strong sense of purpose and impact

Apply by: 12 July 2026

Interviews: 24 July 2026

If you're ready to influence governance at scale and make a real difference in education, we'd love to hear from you.

Apply via [Pathways](#).

Education Administrator (0.8 FTE)

Join our Education team at the Diocese of Chichester and help us support Church of England schools across the diocese.

What you'll do:

- Coordinate training & events
- Manage newsletters, emails & socials
- Be a friendly first point of contact
- Support diaries & shared systems

About you: Organised, proactive, people-focused and confident with digital tools. No education background needed.

What we offer: • £22,302 (0.8 FTE) • Flexi-time + hybrid working • Generous leave • 15.1% employer pension • EAP support & free parking

We value inclusion and welcome applicants from all backgrounds.

Apply by: 5 July 2026

Interviews: 21 July 2026

Apply via [Pathways](#)

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