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DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CARE OF CHURCHES





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EYE-CATCHING NEW FONT AND MOSAIC FLOOR AT COPNOR ST CUTHBERT

The DAC members visited Copnor St Cuthbert last year to see the completed works in the worship space including a new font and mosaic floor designed by artist Mel Howse. The specially commissioned font and mosaic were created in memory of members of the church. The font and mosaic bring striking colour to the worship area. Being located in the centre of the worship area provides a forceful reminder that all the baptised have been commissioned to work together in God's mission to God's world. The font pictured here sits in the centre of the mosaic floor but was moved to show the full floor design.

LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP SCHEME – TRANSFER TO NEW SUPPLIER

From **1st June 2014** existing applications and any new applications will be handled by: Topmark (LPOW), 160 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4TB Telephone number 0845 0136601. Claims can be submitted in three ways:

1. The application form can be completed electronically and emailed to Topmark along with electronic copies or scans of any supporting invoices or documentation. 2. The application form can be emailed and invoices or other supporting documentation sent by post. 3. The application form can be completed by hand and sent by post along with other documentation. You will be able to download the application form from <u>www.lpwscheme.org.uk</u> however if you require a paper version of the form please call 0845 0136601 or email: <u>DCMS@topmarkadjusters.co.uk</u>.

You will not need to re-submit any claims which are already in process, as all information will be transferred.

Protection of Church Treasurers

The Church Buildings Council have published new guidance on protecting church treasures, which can be downloaded from their website: <u>http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/artartefacts-conservation/protecting-treasures</u>. The document sets out practical recommendations to increase security of monuments, paintings and other portable works of art.

LONDON CHURCH VOTED BEST MODERN CHURCH

The National Churches Trust ran a competition to find the Best Modern Church, the winner was St Paul's Church, Bow Common in the East End of London. The winner was announced at the end of last year and full details are available website: http://www.bestmodernchurches.org.uk/.

Dates of meetings 2014

Site visits are no longer set dates but arranged as needed so please contact us if you would like a DAC site visit for potential works.

	Agenda Close	DAC Meeting
July	07/07/2014	17/07/2014
Sept	25/08/2014	04/09/2014
Oct	29/09/2014	09/10/2014
Nov	03/10/2014	13/11/2014
Dec	01/12/2014	11/12/2014

Please email the DAC Secretary, if you feel there is a subject or issue that may benefit from being discussed or explained in the next newsletter — <u>executive.assistant@portsmouth.anglican.org</u> or 023 9289 9664

A quick guide to the DAC process

FACULTY PROCESS Application Form filled in for DAC approval and sent to DAC Secretary Application is referred out to DAC committee DAC committee meets to discuss/agree works Copy of minute approving work or requesting more info is sent to parish When approved a DAC notification is issued and sent to Registrar along with submitted paperwork Faculty paperwork/ application is sent to parish. Paperwork filled in by parish and returned to Registrar /relevant notices displayed Works can take place subject to any provisos Schedule B is for minor maintenance / repair works. The application form is filled in, sent to DAC Secretary and paperwork referred out to the committee. The work is discussed at the meeting and if approved a Schedule B letter is sent following the meeting approving works (subject to any proviso).

New Staff member joins **Diocesan Team**

David Cain:

David has worked in the diocese for nearly 20 years, undertaking roles at both the cathedral and, more recently, as administrator at St. Jude's Church, Southsea.

David is now working in a job share with Catherine Gray with the oversight and running of the DAC. David can be contacted on 023 9289 9664.

New Chancellor Appointed

Portsmouth Diocese welcomed HH Judge Philip Waller CBE to his new appointment at a service at Portsmouth Cathedral earlier this year. Please see the latest news section of the Diocesan website where the new Chancellor outlines his vision.

Faculty Simplification Update

The Church Buildings Council are looking to put together a national A & B schedule of works and to give Archdeacon's approval of these. After these lists come into force a Schedule B application will be submitted to the DAC secretary for forwarding on to the Archdeacon. The Archdeacon will then be able to give an out of committee decision subject to consultation with committee. This will mean works can be agreed and undertaken in a shorter timescale. We will keep you updated on the progress for this. There is also continuing development of an online application system which will begin to be rolled out across the country in 2015.

USEFUL WEBSITES

The <u>Churchcare</u> website is very useful for finding out the best way to repair and conserve your church and gives clear guidelines on procedures - www.churchcare.co.uk

EIG can advise on church health & safety matters - www.ecclesiastical.com

The <u>SPAB</u> website has training days/advice on looking after your church - <u>www.spabfim.org.uk</u>

Please remember that the Diocesan website is updated regularly visit www.portsmouth.anglican.org/what we_do/property_dac_finance/dac/latest_news



