

Understanding your church building – what it says and what makes it special

An online (Zoom) workshop for churchwardens and other parish volunteers. 10.00 to 12.00 on Thursday 13 January, 2022.

Thinking and finding out about your church building will make you appreciate, enjoy and want to celebrate it even more. Your understanding will guide and explain the repairs and changes you want to carry out. You will be better equipped to promote your church including when seeking support and funding. And you will be able to tell the church's stories and share your passion with the congregation, community and visitors alike.

The workshop will look at understanding your church from three angles:

- ❖ A building of place, time and wonder
- ❖ The House of God
- ❖ The people's stories and gift to us

You will talk with other parishes about what is special about your churches and their stories.

We will give an idea of what you need to find out and say, and how to say it, when writing Statements of Significance or grant applications. And how you might attract and captivate visitors.

Finally, we will flag up where to find information that will help you discover and understand more about your church building.

Programme

10:00 Welcome and introduction

Dr Christopher Green, DAC Chair

10:10 Talk one: A building of wonder, time and place (including questions)

David Bevan, St Albans Historic Church Buildings Support Officer

10:30 Talk two: The House of God (including questions)

James Mustard, Canon Precentor - Exeter Cathedral

10:50 Talk three: People's stories and gift to us (including questions)

Archdeacon Janet Mackenzie, Archdeacon of Hertford

11:10 Break

11:20 Special things and stories - Breakout rooms and reporting back

11:40 Approaching Statements of Significance, fundraising and engaging visitors

Emma Critchley, St Albans Pastoral and Advisory Secretary

David Bevan, St Albans Historic Church Buildings Support Officer

11:55 Where to find information and more advice

12:00 Wrapping up

