

**DIOCESE OF CARLISLE
ARCHDEACONS' ARTICLES OF ENQUIRY 2018**

Here are this year's annual articles of enquiry, which the churchwardens for the year just ending are asked to complete. Thank you very much indeed, in advance, for your help. **Please note that the articles of enquiry must be returned either before or at the Visitation attended by the churchwardens being admitted for the forthcoming year.**

Please complete the details below:

Parish

Wardens' names

Signed

Date

1 Training Day

We are planning to hold a Training Day for established and new Wardens (Venue tbc) :
on Sat 8th Sept 2018 : 10am-3pm;

A booking form is being given out separately at the Admission Services

NB even if you have been a churchwarden for a long time, you should find these training days helpful.

Is there anything which you would like us specifically to include in the day for new Churchwardens (Sat 24th June)?

2 Diocesan Website www.carlisediocese.org.uk

	Yes	No
The Diocesan website has entries for all churches in the Diocese. There are two "pages" for each church: a "front page" (with eg service times) and a SIF page. Is your Church's "front page" entry on the website correct and complete? <i>If not, please let Church House have corrections</i>		
Is your Church's Standard Information Form (SIF) entry on the website correct and complete? <i>If not, please let Church House have corrections</i>		

NB your church will also have an entry on the A Church Near You website:
www.achurchnearyou.com - someone in your parish should have the password to update this.

3 Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

It is **ESSENTIAL** that you have Safeguarding Policies covering Children and Vulnerable Adults - even if there are no children at your church - and that they are up to date and discussed at least annually. www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk/people-and-structures/committees/safeguarding/safeguarding-policy.html

You will need to consult your Parish Safeguarding Officer to complete this section.

Please feel free to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, if you have any concerns: safeguarding.adviser@carlisle-diocese.org.uk 07775 290139

Please note that new Safeguarding policies are required if there is a change in the Parish Safeguarding Officer(s) or significant changes in the activities for children provided by your parish. If this is the situation, you will need to send copies of the new policy to your Archdeacon and the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. In their triennial visitations Archdeacons may look at minutes of PCC discussions, reports to PCC/APCM, and at the checklist and policy on display. They might also ask to be shown samples of records of (for example) recruitment processes, DBS checks or training of parish volunteers

Your Safeguarding Policy should be publicised: eg on Church & Hall noticeboards, with booking forms for a hall etc.

	Yes	No
Do you have a <u>Lay</u> Parish Safeguarding Officer?		
Please give their name, email address and phone number:		
	Yes	No
Did your Parish Safeguarding Officer or representative present a report to the PCC and APCM as required by the Diocese and by Church of England guidance		

4 Stewardship and Generosity:

This coming year and beyond we aim to offer extra support to our Mission Communities and parishes to help raise giving and generosity.

When did your church last ask the congregation to review their giving?
How often in the past year have your congregations heard a sermon that included a message on stewardship, generosity or giving money?
When did your church last send a thank you letter to givers; and do you mention the specific amount a person has given in the year?

5 **God for All; Moving Mountains 8 – 11 March 2018**

As part of God for All we recently held the Moving Mountains mission. Please could you help us to understand how well this was received

What events did your church(es) put on and what was the response like?

How many none Christian do you think attended?

How will your church continue to develop the God for All vision following Moving Mountains?

6 **Spirituality**

Do you have a prayer group(s), who leads it and how often does it meet?

7 **Churches Trust for Cumbria** www.churchestrustforcumbria.org.uk

This is an independent body (funded by the Church) which exists to support the care of church buildings. There is a (new) Officer : Jayne Potts: 07979 606 131 jayne@ctfc.org.uk who is happy to receive your enquiries.

What subjects would you like to see covered in CTfC training sessions?

8 Parishes, Mission Communities and Schools

How does your Parish/Mission Community support its Church Schools and have you asked them what they need?

How does your Parish/Mission Community supports its County Schools and have you asked them what they need from church?

9 Vocations

We are all called by God – and discerning what work God has for us is an essential task for us all. More specifically, the Diocese and its churches need to find new vocations to ministry (both lay and ordained).

You may need to refer to the clergy in order to answer this question.

How many people do you anticipate referring to the Vocations Advisers in 2018?

How have the ministry of the Vocations Advisers made an impact in your Mission Community/parish?

10 Partners in World Mission

We are part of God's world-wide church. Our Diocese has three overseas links, with Stavanger, Northern Argentina, and Zululand.

Do you have links with a church overseas via one of these Diocesan links or by any other link?

How do you reflect on and support issues of world development ? eg through Christian Aid, Tearfund, Fairtrade or other agencies?

11 **Over to you**

If there is anything you want to report on or ask, we would be very glad to hear from you. **You can note it here or add a separate sheet of paper.**

We also always make it a priority to meet with churchwardens and talk matters over: just ask if you would like to do this.

Where do you think God has been most active during the last year in your parish?

Please tell us about your main concern for the Christian faith in your area at the moment:

Please tell us about anything else you want to report on, ask, or make a comment about:

NB there is no need to include this page when you return the completed Articles of Enquiry to the Archdeacon!

Sending in your Return

Please return your completed form **direct to your Archdeacon** by the end of April:

Carlisle: The Ven Lee Townend, Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith CA11 7XR
[archdeacon.north@carlisediocese.org.uk]

West Cumberland: The Ven Richard Pratt, 50 Stainburn Road, Workington CA14 1SN
[archdeacon.west@carlisediocese.org.uk]

Westmorland & Furness: The Ven Vernon Ross, The Vicarage, Windermere Road, Lindale in Cartmel,
Grange over Sands LA11 6LB [archdeacon.south@carlisediocese.org.uk]

If you would prefer to send in your response to these Articles electronically you can download this form at the diocesan website www.carlisediocese.org.uk, and return it to the e-mail addresses noted above.

If you have not returned your completed form to your Archdeacon by the Admission of Churchwardens' Service, you should bring it with you to the Service. We will not be admitting Churchwardens who have not returned completed forms.

The responses to these Articles of Enquiry are recorded in a spreadsheet. We do some analysis and the spreadsheet and the analysis are published on the Diocesan website.