

## **What is the DAC and what can we do for you?**

The DAC is the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches. The DAC is a body set up under the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 and it gives advice on the architecture, archaeology, art and history of places of worship to the Diocesan Chancellor, the archdeacons and the parishes.

### **What does the DAC do?**

The DAC can often be seen in a negative way and as a bureaucratic hurdle that must be overcome. Some parts of the DAC's role are bureaucratic and we will often need plans, reports and other essential paperwork. But the DAC is here to help parishes care for their buildings in the best way and develop churches as centres of mission that serve God's people. We have a variety of advisers who can offer specialist help on a wide range of topics including heating, audio-visual, bells, archaeology, organs, conservation, etc. We will help you develop larger projects and proposals such as a reordering scheme or a new entrance/extension by visiting your church and offering advice. The DAC also monitors when your church's quinquennial inspection is due, send out reminders and receive the reports from the architect.

The DAC has a statutory duty to be involved in all changes to church buildings. If you are thinking about making any changes to a church building (including additional buildings within the curtilage of the churchyard which may be under faculty jurisdiction, such as church halls) you must involve the DAC. Almost all works to church buildings and their contents will require permission from either the Archdeacon (List B permission) or the Chancellor (faculty permission). Most people are aware that roof repairs or re-ordering projects need to involve the DAC, but even small jobs such as the installation of a new LED light fittings, minor repointing or the introduction of furniture also need some form of permission. The DAC provides advice on List B works to your Archdeacon and considers all faculty applications to advise the Chancellor on whether or not permission should be given.

### **Who is on the DAC?**

The core of the DAC is formed by the Chair, the five Archdeacons and its twelve members with support from the DAC Secretary, the assistant DAC Secretary and the Church Buildings Support Officer. The members include architects, representatives of the amenity societies and people with experience in areas such as planning, engineering and conservation. The DAC also includes advisers who have knowledge in areas such as archaeology, bells, organs and other specialisms. All members and advisers are volunteers who give their time and experience to help parishes care for and develop their buildings.

### **When should I contact the DAC?**

The DAC is able to provide advice and support to parishes at all stages of a project, from initial thoughts, through fundraising and making a faculty application, to completion. The DAC encourages parishes to be in touch as soon as possible when any work is being considered: we are always pleased to hear from you and happy to help.

### **Who to contact**

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