

**DIOCESE OF CARLISLE
ARCHDEACONS' ARTICLES OF ENQUIRY 2017**

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 Days

We are planning to hold Training Days (probably in Church House, Penrith):
on Sat 24th June (particularly for new Churchwardens) : 10am - 3pm;
on Sat 30th Sept : 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.

a)	Is there anything which you would like us specifically to include in the day for new Churchwardens (Sat 24 th June)?
b)	Is there anything which you would like us specifically to include in the day for all Churchwardens (Sat 30 th Sept)?

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.

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

		Yes	No
a)	Do you have a Parish Safeguarding Officer?		
b)	Please give their name, email address and phone number:		
		Yes	No
c)	Did your Parish Safeguarding Officer present a report to the APCM in the format required by the Diocese?		

4 God for All:

God for All is what we as a Diocese are working at as part of Growing Disciples. It is about everyone in Cumbria having an opportunity to know more about God and God's purpose for their lives.

		Yes	No
a)	Does your church have a local lay leader?		
b)	Please give their name, email address and phone number:		
c)	In the last 12 months what new lay ministries has your church (as part of your mission community) sought to establish?		

d)	In the last 12 months what new lay ministries has your church (on its own) sought to establish?			
e)	In the last 12 months how has God for All changed your church? (please tick the appropriate box)			
	1 Not at all	2 A little	3 Quite a bit	4 A lot
f)	Please give details			

5 Moving Mountains: County Mission 8 – 11 March 2018

In the four days leading up to Mothering Sunday 2018 the County is hosting a mission led by Church leaders (including the Archbishop of York) from across the north of England.

In the preparation for this, the Diocesan Evangelism Enabler would find it helpful to know:

a)	Have you run an enquirers course ? : (please tick the appropriate box)	Alpha	Start	Christianity Explored	Other (please give details)	
						Number
b)	How many times over the past five years?					
c)	Have you had any enquirers (people asking about the Christian faith) in the last year?					
d)	How have you responded to them? What resources have you used?					

6 Environment

On 2 November 2009 the Church of England announced its 7-Year "Church and Earth" Climate Change Action Plan with, amongst others, the following declared aims:

- Carbon reduction target of 80% by 2050, with an interim target of 42% by 2020
- Annual carbon and energy reports for all parishes and dioceses by 2016
- All church buildings to have carbon footprints calculated and recommendations made by 2012

a)	With these targets in mind, please indicate the fossil fuel consumption for your buildings for 2015 and 2016:		
		2015	2016
	Units of electricity used		
	Cubic metres of gas used		
	Litres of heating oil used		
b)	What steps are your church taking to meet the target of reducing carbon emissions to 42% of the 2009 values by 2020?		

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.

		Yes	No
a)	Would you be interested in training sessions laid on by CTfC?		
b)	What subjects would you like to see covered in CTfC training sessions?		

8 Parishes, Mission Communities and Schools

		Yes	No
a)	Do you feel that your Mission Community supports its Church Schools well?		
b)	Please give details		
c)	Do your Church Schools feel that you support them well? (ie have you asked them!)		
d)	Please give details		
e)	Do you feel that your Mission Community supports its County Schools well?		
f)	Please give details		
g)	Do your County Schools feel that you support them well? (ie have you asked them!)		
h)	Please give details		
e)	What support do you think the Diocesan Board of Education could realistically give you? (NB please note the report back to the March Diocesan Synod from the DBE)		

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.

		Number
a)	How many people do you anticipate referring to the Vocations Advisers in 2017?	

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.

		Yes	No
a)	Do you have links with a church overseas via one of these Diocesan links?		
b)	Please give details		
c)	Do you have links with a church overseas via a different link?		
d)	Please give details		

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.

a)	Please tell us about one good thing which has happened in the parish this past year:
b)	Please tell us about your main concern at the moment:
c)	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.