



# CARING FOR THE BUILDINGS

- Processes and procedures for care and support



Churches (big C) = people  
churches (little C) = buildings

- Churches need churches

- To enhance worship and ministry
- To provide places of welcome
- To house community activity

# Church (people) are stewards

- For this generation and for future generations
- Of an extraordinary heritage
- 16000+ Anglican parish churches in England
- 80% are listed buildings
- 388 churches in the Diocese of Peterborough
- 90% are listed buildings

# Ecclesiastical Exemption

- The task of the ecclesiastical courts in exercising the faculty jurisdiction is to ensure that the sacred uses are protected, that the parishioners are duly consulted and that the wider interests of the public are considered, but remembering always that a church is a place of worship and mission, not a museum.

*GH Newson & GL Newsom Faculty Jurisdiction of the Church of England  
London 1993: 10-11*

# Care and support for C/churches

What people want for their churches in the 21<sup>st</sup> century:

- **Good maintenance and repair (dry hat and boots)**
- **Comfort and facilities**
- **Open and relevant**
- **Sustainable**
- **Adaptable and versatile space**

# The Faculty Process 1

- **The PCC**
  - **Vision for mission (the Statement of Need)**
  - **Informed about heritage value (Statement of Significance)**
  - **Options analysis**
  - **Early discussion of major projects with DAC**
  - **Specification for work (detail, plan, photographs, PCC minute)**

# The Faculty Process 2

- **Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)**
  - **Dialogue, not decisions**
  - **How can the DAC help the PCC to achieve what it wants and needs?**
  - **Advises on care of all aspects of church buildings and churchyards**
  - **Who to consult?**
  - **Certificate of Recommendation (Form 1)**

# The Faculty Process 3

- The PCC completes the faculty petition
- Statutory 28 day public notice period
- Submit all papers to the Registrar
- Await faculty permission/Chancellor's directions

# HELP!

- DAC Office – 01733 887007 - *someone to talk to!*
- Registry/DAC website – [www.peterboroughdiocesanregistry.co.uk](http://www.peterboroughdiocesanregistry.co.uk) - *a wide range of advice leaflets and practical guidance on preparing statements of need/significance*
- Churchcare website – [www.churchcare.co.uk](http://www.churchcare.co.uk) – *more advice on issues relevant to caring for churches and sourcing further help e.g. funding*
- SPAB – Faith in Maintenance training days –  
Wednesday 24 June: Higham Ferrers  
Saturday 19 September: Brackley  
Bookings – [www.spabfim.org.uk](http://www.spabfim.org.uk)