



# Help and Advice Group

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The Help & Advice Group was set up by Synod in 2009, to support local churches in being informed and effective in their life and mission. The Group is made up of four members of local churches, together with administrative support from the Trust Officer. We are willing to try to provide specific advice or organise training days on particular topics. Please get in touch if you have questions or wish to suggest a training or discussion event.

This article is part of a series giving an overview of particular subjects of interest for local churches. We also circulate general updates from time to time. Bulletins will also be posted on the members' area of the website with direct links to other websites.

Where readers are directed to web-based resources, the Synod Office is willing to respond to reasonable requests for printed out information for readers without web access, although they may find it more satisfactory to follow up their interest through their local library's web access.

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### **New Work in Historic Places of Worship**

English Heritage has updated its online guidance on carrying out work in historic churches: [www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/new-work-in-historic-places-of-worship](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/new-work-in-historic-places-of-worship)

### **Theft of Metal from Church Buildings**

English Heritage has also published updated online guidance on metal theft, particularly lead roofs: [www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/theft-metal-church-buildings](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/theft-metal-church-buildings)

### **Flooding and Historic Buildings**

English Heritage has produced a detailed guide to flooding and flood protection, which can be viewed online: [www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/flooding-and-historic-buildings](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/flooding-and-historic-buildings)

### **Blue Pages**

The National Flood Forum has produced an online directory of flood protection products and services, and a brief advice leaflet: [www.bluepages.org.uk](http://www.bluepages.org.uk)

### **Sharers, Guests or Tenants?**

Churches Together in England's guidance on sharing church buildings with new or overseas churches is becoming more relevant. Only certain denominations can use sharing agreements, and CTE gives advice on how to make a landlord-and-tenant or owner-and-hirer relationship work more smoothly:

[http://cte.churchinsight.com/Groups/43013/Churches\\_Together\\_in/Resources\\_Shop/Free\\_Leaflets/Free\\_Leaflets.aspx](http://cte.churchinsight.com/Groups/43013/Churches_Together_in/Resources_Shop/Free_Leaflets/Free_Leaflets.aspx)

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