

Booking form

To book a place please complete the form below and post to:

The Archdeacon of Norfolk

8 Boulton Road, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich NR7 0DF.

All bookings will be acknowledged. Forms should be returned by Tuesday 16 September.

For further information please visit www.norwich.anglican.org or telephone Ralph Barnett on 01603 882344.

Name(s) _____

Organisation/Church _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

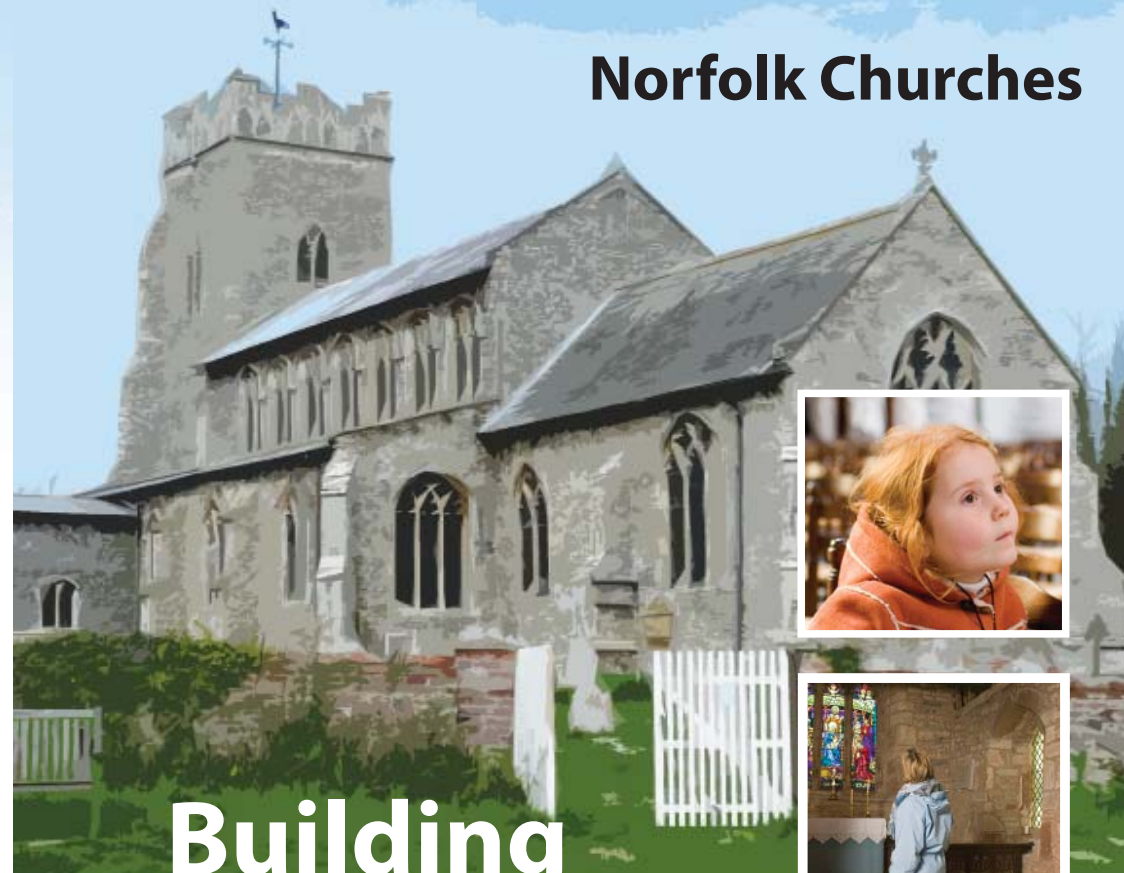
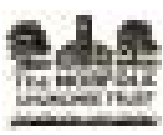
E-mail _____

Special requirements (e.g. access, dietary) _____

I enclose a cheque (£10 per person) for £ _____
(Please make cheques payable to Norwich Diocesan Board of Finance)

And finally... please suggest a relevant question that you would like to be put to our speakers panel during the afternoon discussion session:

Supported by:



Building Opportunities Conference

Friday 26 September 2008

A one day conference focussing on the promotion, management and sustainable development of Norfolk's historic church buildings



Building Opportunities Conference

Introduction

No county in Britain is richer in its historic churches than Norfolk. These nationally important buildings are predominantly managed and conserved by dedicated groups of volunteers, many of whom would like to see them used for a wider range of community activities. This conference gives delegates an opportunity to;

- look at ways that historic church buildings can be better equipped to serve the needs of local communities;
- discover how community initiatives involving church buildings can be progressed and funded; and
- gain new insights into how visitors can learn about the rich cultural heritage associated with church buildings.

The conference also aims to work towards the development of a Diocesan wide strategy for these buildings which can help inform the policies and funding priorities of a range of national and local organisations.

Outline programme

- 9.15am Arrival, registration, and a chance to view display stands etc.
- 10.00am Morning presentations will include:
- The Church of England's campaign to promote and secure more sustainable future for church buildings
 - Using church buildings as a focus for community projects
 - Local case studies including the Norfolk Broads and Rivers Open Churches Project
- 12.00am Lunch and networking
- 1.00pm Overview of government funding and support policies in related areas of tourism, heritage and the arts
- 2.50pm Panel discussion and plenary
- 3.45pm Closing Remarks
- 4.00pm Guided Tour of Norwich's medieval churches (optional)



Location

St Andrews and Blackfriars Halls, Norwich

A stunning setting in the centre of Norwich. Built over 600 years ago as the Friary Church of the Blackfriars of St Dominic, the halls have been beautifully restored and are now owned and managed by Norwich City Council.

Speakers

The Rt Revd Graham James, Bishop of Norwich

A leading advocate of the desire to find alternative uses for church buildings which are compatible with their function as places of worship. Bishop Graham has spoken at many national and regional conferences and has developed initiatives which seek to support parishes in this vital area of community service and outreach.



Susan Rowe

A freelance consultant who works with groups on the development of community projects in church buildings. From 1998-2001 Susan ran the highly successful Rural Churches in Community Service programme, which enabled 99 churches across the UK to adapt their buildings for dual use - worship and community service.



Andrew Ramsay, CB

Director General of Partnerships and Programmes at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Andrew has responsibility for overseeing all the policy areas at DCMS except the Olympics.



Presentations will also be made by senior representatives from the Church of England's Cathedral and Church Buildings Division and English Heritage.