

October 2021

PROPERTY MATTERS

The Methodist Church 

Welcome to the October edition of Property Matters with a focus on property-related updates and guidance.

If you have any feedback, please email the [Property Support Team](#).

Strategic Guidance for the Use of Property in Mission

We are pleased to announce the videos and slides from the recent roadshows are now available online. Some of talks include:

- [Strategic Use for the Use of Property in Mission](#)
- [God for All Strategy](#)
- [Property Development Plans](#)
- [Caring for Listed Buildings](#)
- [Introduction to Buildings & Heritage](#)
- [TMCP Streamlining Legal Transactions](#)



[Click here to view all the talks and slides.](#)

Update to Quinquennial Inspection Guidance

The guidance for Quinquennial Inspections has been updated. It is divided into helpful topics to assist and offer best practice tips for managing trustees during each step of the process. There are also useful templates that are available to



download.

[Read more here.](#)

As well, new versions of Schedule E, Schedule G and Schedule J are now available. [Click here to download a copy.](#)

Methodist Insurance Update



Bad Weather

As winter approaches, it's worthwhile taking some simple steps to protect your church from the worst of the British weather. Minimising winter risks might help you avoid damage and heartache. Check pipes and lag where necessary, clear fallen leaves from pathways, ensure trees are safe, and clear roof valleys and gutters of debris. [Find out more](#)

Welcoming people back to church

Find guidance on the best way to manage safety as you welcome more people back to your church. There are links to further information on specific topics such as events, weddings and face coverings. [Read the guidance](#)

The power of measuring your impact

What's the difference between outputs, outcomes and impact? Read our latest fundraising article to gain a better understanding of these terms and write clear and persuasive funding applications. [Visit the fundraising hub](#)

Ladder safety

Ladders are often used to carry out minor tasks in churches but it's important to take care. Injuries can result from falls, when lifting a ladder, slipping or falling when carrying it or a ladder collapsing. Our ladder safety guidance identifies hazards to look out for and precautions you can take to remain safe. [Find out more](#)

Could your church use a boost?

Funded primarily by donations from Methodist Insurance, Allchurches Trust's Methodist Grants programme provides grants to Methodist churches to run building development projects that focus on church growth (both numerically and spiritually), community engagement and improving accessibility. If you have a

project in mind but could use a boost in funds, visit our website to learn more about how to apply. [Find out more](#)

Metal Theft Guidance from Historic England

[Historic England](#) have updated their metal theft guidance.

The three guidance notes are:

- [Theft of Metal from Church Roofs: Replacement Materials](#)
- [Theft of Metal from Church Roofs: Prevention and Response](#)
- [Church Roof Replacement Using Terne-coated Stainless Steel](#)



The revised note does not change HE's policy. It seeks to articulate our understanding of the emotional, social and financial cost that metal theft imposes on congregations and the reasons why we don't consider like-for-like replacement of lost lead or copper to be reasonable in most cases. It supports the use of long-lasting appropriate alternatives such as terne-coated stainless steel, and explains why we don't support the use of synthetic plastic-based materials as roof coverings.

The note aims to give clear information to congregations, Diocesan Advisory Committees and Chancellors, architects, surveyors and local authorities. It focusses on church buildings, as these are the primary targets for thieves, but the information is also applicable to other listed buildings and places of worship. The note sets out the difference between emergency coverings, temporary coverings and permanent replacement materials.

Extending Our Warm Welcome

Exciting times ahead as the High Street Centre begins a new chapter

In March 2021 the High Street Centre in Rawmarsh, Rotherham finally opened its doors following a new £400,000 development project, which meant great news for even more people living in the area.



“Extending Our Warm Welcome” has seen facilities improved making the building more welcoming, accessible and useable for everyone using the building whether that is members of the church or any of the community groups and individuals who visit. [Click here to read the full story.](#)

Fraud Awareness from the Charity Commission

Free Cyber Security Tools for Charities

The [National Cyber Security Centre](#) is the UK’s authoritative voice on cyber security and is on an

important mission to help us improve the security of the charity sector. To help reduce the risk of cyber-attacks, they’re offering registered charities unlimited licences to their Early Warning tool, and 1000 licences to Web Check and Mail Check tools, for free. [Read more here.](#)




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Charity Fraud Awareness Week, 18-22 October

Now in its sixth year, Fraud Awareness Week 2021 will encourage charities to keep their organisations safe from financial harm in the post-Covid era. During the week you’ll be able to access top tips and detailed advice on timely topics such as how to fight grant or fundraising fraud and managing cyber-attacks.

This year, you’re encouraged to sign up to a Stop Fraud Pledge and make a public commitment to tackling fraud in your charity. A whole host of charities have already taken the pledge – do consider joining them today. [Read more here.](#)

Support for Grants

Joseph Rank has a dedicated page regarding  the Joseph Rank trust applying for Methodist Grants. [Click here to read more](#). As well, it includes a very [helpful funding guide for Methodist applicants](#).

In addition, Methodist Insurance has a [Fundraising Support page](#) with a list of grant providers and tips for filling in applications. [Click here to read more](#).

Best Practice for Retrofit Internal Wall Insulation

BEIS has published [guidance](#) for designers, surveyors, project managers and installers about retrofit internal wall insulation. This guide can be used to assess:

- viability of internal wall insulation or systems
- the design of internal wall insulation
- the selection of materials including hygrothermal aspects

[Click here to read more](#).



Places of Worship Forum Scotland

The [Built Environment Forum Scotland](#) works to unite the sector that cares for and promotes Scotland's distinctive built environment for people to use, appreciate and enjoy. It has some useful resources including a [Fundraising Toolkit](#) and a [Places of Worship Forum](#).



The Places of Worship Forum (POWF) is a non-denominational, strategic forum ; actively involving organisations that are considering the transition pathways, and collectively seeking sustainable future uses (within, and beyond worship) for Places of Worship within Scotland. [Read more here](#).

Camping in Churches has a record year

Champing (camping churches) has been a popular amongst some churches and there has been a boom over the summer. [Click here to read more.](#)



Care Homes and Vaccinations

There is new Covid guidance from the government that relates to anyone volunteering or visiting a care home in a professional capacity. More information can be found on [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination of people working or deployed in care homes: operational guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

Church Closures Guidance

The Legal & Constitutional Practice team have produced a useful guide with information, checklists and templates regarding church closures in collaboration with Property Support and the DPS for Newcastle-upon-Tyne Methodist District. The guide can be found as part of the [Managing Trustees guidance](#).

TMCP Updates

Training Sessions for Managing Trustees – Streamlining Processes

TMCP would like to take this opportunity to announce the launch of the [new streamlining process](#) which has been introduced to reduce the time that is spent on simple property sale transactions. This new streamlining process is currently being rolled out .



TMCP have arranged these 45 minute training sessions where they will be able to go through the process and what is involved in detail. [Click here for more information.](#)

- **Wednesday 3rd November 2021 – 11am**

Listed Building Advisory Committee

Meeting dates:

- **18 January 2022** - Deadline for paper - 20 December 2021

Property Matters is a monthly newsletter focused on giving updates on property related guidance and legalisation as well as providing information and links to related subjects. We cannot know about everything that's going on, so please do [email us](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.

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