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PROPERTY MATTERS

The Methodist Church 

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

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

Methodist Insurance Update

Happy Birthday to Us

Methodist insurance turns 150 years old on 19 June! Our 150-year special edition of Dialogue celebrates how we've made the last 150 years count. Please share with your colleagues, friends and anyone else you think might enjoy it. [Download Dialogue now](#)



Have You Entered Yet?

There's still plenty of time to enter our 150 awards. Tell us how you'd make £1,500 count for your church or community. Our favourite 15 ideas will each receive £1,500 towards bringing that idea to life. [Terms and conditions](#) apply. [How to enter](#)



Join us at The Methodist Conference 23-30 June

We will be supporting and exhibiting at Methodist Conference this month. Come to stand 8 to join us in celebrating our 150th Anniversary, enjoy a celebratory cake and find out a little more about our 150-year history. [Learn more about the conference](#)



Fire Safety at Your Church

Good housekeeping can improve fire safety at your church. We have information to support you on a range of topics including [fire alarms](#) and [electrical wiring](#). We've also created a [fire risk assessment template](#) to help your church identify and mitigate risks. [Fire safety guidance](#)



Storing Bikes at Home and Away

Bicycles can be easy targets for thieves. Methodist home contents cover automatically includes bicycles as long as you have taken some precautions. [Learn more about protecting your bike.](#)



A Springtime Boost for Methodist Churches

Ten Methodist churches across the UK and Ireland have received grants totalling £270,000 in the latest round of funding from the [Methodist Grants Programme](#). The grants will support the Methodist churches to run building and development projects focused on church growth, community engagement, and improved accessibility.

[See some of the successful projects](#)



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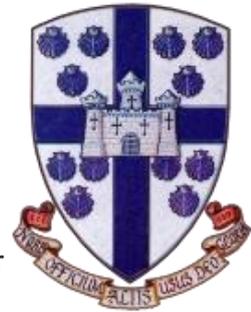
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TMCP Updates

Landlord Update - Regulation Changes for Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The government website confirms that during 2019/20, fire and rescue services attended nearly 30,000 dwelling fires in England and sadly there were nearly 200 fire-related fatalities. Around 20 people die from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning every year (excluding those relating to accidental exposure to smoke, fire and flames. [Click here to read more.](#)



New Advice from Historic England

Temporary Protection of Historic Features

Historic England has recently published guidance on temporary protection of historic features during building works. It discusses direct and indirect measures for protection. [Click here to read more.](#)



Case Studies on Energy Performance

Energy Performance Certificates record the energy efficiency of traditional buildings. Historic England have gathered case studies which show some of the barriers to making places more energy efficient.

The key issues identified were:

- EPC assessment procedure
- Fuel types
- Overall costs
- Impact on traditional construction

[Click here to read the publication.](#)

Energy Efficiency Rating		Current	Potential
Very energy efficient - lower running costs			
(92-100) A			
(81-91) B			
(69-80) C			73
(55-68) D			
(39-54) E			
(21-38) F		37	
(1-20) G			
Not energy efficient - higher running costs			

Fire Safety

The Home Office has [published a policy paper](#) on the Fire Safety Act 2021. The paper provides information about the commencement of the Fire Safety Act and how it affects Responsible Persons and others. The Fire Safety Act clarifies the scope of the Fire Safety Order to make clear that it applies to the structure, external walls (including cladding and balconies) and individual flat entrance doors between domestic premises and the common parts of a multi-occupied residential building.



If you are a Responsible Person, you must consider these parts when conducting fire risk assessments, if you have not done so already.

To support the commencement of the Fire Safety Act, the Home Office has also published the [Fire Risk Assessment Prioritisation Tool](#). This is an online tool for Responsible Persons to prioritise how soon your fire risk assessments should be updated. It has also [published guidance](#) on the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022, which introduce new duties under the Fire Safety Order for building owners or managers (“Responsible persons”).

HSE Updates

Ensure Your Event Runs Safely This Summer

Good planning and organisation is essential to putting on an event that is both safe and enjoyable. Get started with our [guidance for organisers](#) on how to plan, manage and monitor your event. It will help you make sure workers and the visiting public are not exposed to health and safety risks. Whether you're an organiser, venue owner or volunteer, [find out more about your responsibilities](#). Depending on the size of your event, you may also need to take extra steps in order to manage crowds safely.



Make Sure You Know Your COSHH Essentials

A variety of harmful substances are found in our working environments – knowing how to control these safely is key to safety and protection from harm. If you work with hazardous substances, the [Control of Substances Hazardous to Health](#)

[\(COSHH\) website](#) can help you understand the actions you should take to stay healthy.

You can download the publication [Working with substances hazardous to health: A brief guide to COSHH](#), which explains how to control exposure and comply with the Regulations. The [COSHH Safe Handling Chemicals poster](#) also provides crucial guidance on how to handle chemicals safely in your workplace, including Do's and Don'ts and a useful hazardous signs check.

Covid 19 Guidance

Since the restrictions have been lifted, Covid 19 guidance is being replaced with public health advice. The Covid 19 guidance on the Methodist website is now listed as a topic under the [A-Z Property Guidance](#).



Places of Worship Protective Security Funding

[The Places of Worship Protective Security Funding Scheme](#) provides funding for places of worship and associated faith community centres that are vulnerable to hate crime. This scheme is intended to reduce:



- the risk of a hate crime happening at a place of worship and associated faith community centre
- the impact of hate crime on the place of worship itself (the building) and people attending the place of worship
- Through the scheme, vulnerable places of worship can apply for protective security measures, such as CCTV, secure fencing, and intruder alarms to be installed at their site for free.

The scheme covers the costs of equipment and installation of all security measures agreed for your place of worship. This includes any maintenance costs for one year from the installation date (such as for CCTV systems or for Monitored Intruder Alarm Systems). You can apply for the installation of up to 3 protective

security measures at your place of worship or associated faith community centre.

The application process is open from 19 May 2022 until 14 July 2022.

[Click here for more information.](#)

LBAC (Listed Building Advisory Committee) Meeting Dates:

- **19 July 2022** - Deadline for paper - 28th June 2022
- **11 October 2022** - Deadline for paper - 20th September 2022
- **24 January 2023** - Deadline for paper - 3 January 2023

Supporting the Methodist Connexion

Methodist Insurance has been protecting the property of the Methodist Church since 1872. We are a Public Limited Company owned by shareholders and independent of the Methodist Church. The company operates like a mutual by returning most of our profits back to our community in the form of a significant financial contribution to the Methodist Connexion. [Find out more.](#)



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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