

Further Reading

Country Way magazine

Country Way is a magazine that includes numerous examples of good practice from churches & communities across rural Britain, and often highlights useful resources and ideas. Produced by the Arthur Rank Centre, it comes out three times per year; subscriptions (currently £9 per annum) can be obtained online at www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/countryway - where you can also get free access to back numbers online.

Here is all the additional information about the books mentioned in the pages previously. (The information is current as of February 2014.)

Churches for Communities: adapting Oxfordshire's churches for wider use by Becky Payne

"We are currently seeing the greatest alterations to our churches since the late nineteenth century." The Rt Revd Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester

This book documents the changes taking place in churches and chapels across England by focusing on twenty-five places of worship in the towns and villages of Oxfordshire and telling the stories of those groups, largely of volunteers, who have given their time and energy to raise millions of pounds and work through the challenges involved in adapting an historic place of worship. All the projects arose out of a genuine wish to meet modern worship needs along with a wish to open up the building for wider community use. Between them they represent a range of solutions - from major reorderings to the installation of a toilet and small servery, from extensions to fitting the new facilities within the base of the west end tower.. Even though each project developed out of particular sets of needs and circumstances, many experienced similar challenges.

Making changes to a worship space is a sensitive task as it can challenge many peoples' expectations of what a church should look like. A balance has to be struck between working with the historic fabric of the building, retaining sacred space while at the same time creating a space that is welcoming to those who may not share the faith of those who worship there.

Any place of worship embarking on a similar project will derive inspiration and benefit from the achievements and experiences described here. It will also be of interest to those who oversee these changes such as DACs (and their equivalents in other denominations), Conservation Officers, Amenity Societies as it will provide insight into the very real challenges faced by those looking after and making our places of worship fit for the 21st century.

Published by the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and all proceeds go to the work of the Trust. 136 pages, 150 colour illustrations

ISBN-13: 9780992769307

Publisher: Oxford Historic Churches Trust (from whom it is also available) &

www.centralbooks.com

Published: January 2014

Format: Paperback

RRP: £15

Fund Raising for Churches by Jane Grieve

Aimed at all churches from those in the smallest villages to the large secular organisations, this text takes the methods of modern fundraisers and adapts them specifically for Christian churches

ISBN-13: 9780281050581; **ISBN-10:** 0281050589

Publisher: [SPCK Publishing](#)

Published: 25/03/1999

Format: Paperback

RRP: £12.99

UK Church Fundraising Handbook: A Practical Manual and Directory of Sources by Maggie Durran. This is a practical, comprehensive and information-packed manual for all churches facing the challenges of maintaining buildings, rising costs and dwindling congregations while wanting to be generous to others in need. It offers a complete step-by-step guide to: giving your church a 'financial makeover', growing its resources, maximising the regular giving of the congregation through Gift Aid, putting the 'fun' into fundraising, special appeals and legacy campaigns, applying for heritage, Lottery, government or EU funding, building fruitful relationships with local businesses, trusts and foundations, and fundraising for repairs and for new mission projects. The final chapter is all about celebrating hard-earned success! It also includes real-life examples and case studies, plus templates for budget planning, preparing a business plan, producing brochures and all other practical necessities.

ISBN-13: 9781848250024; **ISBN-10:** 1848250029

Publisher: [Canterbury Press Norwich](#)

Published: 30/04/2010

Format: Paperback

RRP: £19.99

Grow Your Church's Income: A guide to securing long-term financial health by Maggie Durran

This is a simple, practical guide to making your church's resources go as far as they possibly can in the short, medium and long term. In non-technical language this provides a basic guide to: managing money and budgets, controlling your expenditure, ways of increasing income, from stewardship to social events, how to address falling numbers and falling income, identifying ways to raise income from outside sources, getting the best prices for

utilities and other services, group purchasing schemes etc. Illustrated with real examples from churches of all sizes and in all states of financial health, here is an indispensable guide.

ISBN-13: 9781848250390; **ISBN-10:** 1848250398

Publisher: [Canterbury Press Norwich](#)

Published: 31/08/2011

Format: Paperback

RRP: £12.99

Friends' Scheme" for a Parish Church by Susan Rennison

ISBN-13: 9780902765092; **ISBN-10:** 0902765094

Published: 01/03/1994

Format: Paperback

RRP: £6.00

Available from [Church House Bookshop](#)

Making Church Buildings Work by Maggie Durran

This offers ways in which churches can be a more effective local presence and serve their neighbours' needs.

ISBN-13: 9781853115974

ISBN-10: 1853115975

Publisher: [Canterbury Press Norwich](#)

Published: 01/10/2004

Format: Paperback

RRP: £14.99

The Gate of Heaven: how church buildings speak of God by Nigel Walter

An important, brief reflection on the contribution of the church building to the mission of the church within a community, and the role of the church building within that community. Including a plethora of case studies. (With many more, and much further detail on the accompanying website.) This is the single most relevant & readable apology for the contemporary importance of church buildings available - focusing on their usefulness & potential. Essential reading for all rural church councils & leaders..

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Format: Booklet

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