

Inspiration, general guidance & advice

Books for inspiration:

Re-pitching the tent: reordering your church for worship and mission, Richard Giles, 1999

Creating uncommon worship, Richard Giles, 2004

Churches for communities: adapting Oxfordshire churches for wider use, Becky Payne, 2014

Books focusing on creative use & service:

A room with a view: ministry with the world at your door, Nick Holtam, 2008

The Social Entrepreneur: making communities work, Andrew Mawson, 2008

Books on church building development:

Buildings for Mission: the complete guide to the care conservation and development of churches, Nigel Walter & Andrew Mottram, 2015

Making Church Buildings Work, Maggie Durran, Canterbury Press Norwich 2005.

Churchcare

Open and Sustainable Churches is a ChurchCare initiative to encourage wider, more imaginative and more strategic use of the Church of England's 16,000 buildings. It aims to help churches select the right legal and funding model to develop their building for uses beyond the primary role of worship: these could be community activities, cultural events or even commercial activities.

For a range of guidance notes around making changes to your church building:

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/guidance-advice>

Arthur Rank Resources – Resources for Rural Places of Worship

This is an excellent resource guide. The site looks at two main areas:

- How your building can become a valuable tool for mission and meeting pastoral needs
- Wider use of the building by the community

It includes signposting further sources of information and cases studies

<https://germinate.net/church-life/rural-church-buildings>

Crossing the Threshold Toolkit

A toolkit with step by step information and practical advice to help parishes get the best from their buildings for wider community use. It can be downloaded for free or a cd can be ordered for a small charge.

<https://www.hereford.anglican.org/crossingthethresholdtoolkit>

New Work in Historic places of worship

The guidance by Historic England (formerly English Heritage), provides advice on how to approach making changes to historic places of worship and sets out Historic England's general views on the subject. It also contains some advice on some common changes that churches seek to make. Available as a pdf only, free of charge (32 pages).

<https://theheritagealliance.org.uk/hrba/wp-content/uploads/2015/places-of-worship-2012.pdf>

The National Churches Trust.

As well as being a main funder of church repair and development projects, the National Churches Trust also offer a summary guidance on undertaking major building projects

www.nationalchurchestrust.org/building-advice/managing-building-projects