

# ECCLESIASTICAL ARCHITECTS & SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION



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22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

Dear Colleague,

## **EASA QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION TRAINING DAYS 2024**

### **TO BE HELD AT:**

**MELTHAM MILLS NEAR HUDDERSFIELD ON TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

### **AND**

**WOKINGHAM ON TUESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2024**

### **General information applicable to both Training Days:**

I am pleased to announce that EASA is running two Quinquennial Inspection Training Days this April, for both EASA members and non-members. These are full day training courses run in collaboration with both Leeds and Oxford DACs whose representatives will be joining us during each day. Please note that although this letter comes as an introduction to both training days, along with the joint booking form, which I have included with it, there are also attached separate preliminary programmes for each day along with rudimentary directions on how to reach each venue. These directions are part of your training course, so please read them carefully and act upon them before setting out!

### **Booking Process and Deadlines:**

Please note that due to the nature of this training there are only **20** places available for each day and that there has been a good deal of preliminary interest expressed from prospective delegates for both days. Those of you who have already expressed an interest will have priority booking, provided you make your booking by **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**, after which time bookings will be on a first come, first served basis.

You will also see that on the booking form there is an option to book for the other Training Day. This is to ensure that if one of the two training days becomes fully booked we can offer you the alternative venue to your preferred choice if you are able to travel to the other church. I will try to accommodate your first preference as expressed on the booking form, but this will be strictly in order of the receipt of your booking forms. Hence booking by email is requested to ensure an early reservation of your place!

Please ensure that we receive your booking for either day by **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024** at the latest.

### **The Format of each Training Day:**

The Quinquennial Inspection training will be delivered both by lecture and by walking around the church, as per a real Quinquennial Inspection. The latter activity will be in small groups with mentors to “inspect the fabric”, and to look at and discuss the issues the building may raise. Question and answer sessions will be interspersed as the day proceeds, which will conclude by how the report is to be presented and any limitations or particular issues that may be faced when compiling information for the use of lay people. These two training days will be an ideal introduction for those new to Quinquennial Inspections, but also as a refresher course for those who have some experience in these matters. As a result, we hope that there will be an inter-change and symbiosis of experience in assessing the condition of church fabric between all the delegates during the day. Please note that it will be advisable to come suitably dressed for the weather and for rummaging around churches, which are not always as clean as one would like! Please note that there will be no requirement for climbing ladders during the visits.

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**Our Speakers:****Meltham Training Day:**

**Russell Trudgen**, of Arctic Associates Architects in Leeds, is a conservation and ecclesiastical architect and the church architect of St James's Church. He is also a Past President of EASA and will be leading the talks during the day. **Andrew Wood**, EASA Hon. Meetings Secretary and its Immediate Past President, who is a conservation and ecclesiastical architect working in Devon, will also support him. They will be joined by **Rob Andrews** the Assistant DAC Secretary at Leeds Diocese together with **Mike Still**, a Churchwarden, and **Rev'd. John Dracup**, the Vicar of St James and parish priest of the Parish of Meltham – Christ the King.

**Wokingham Training Day:**

**John Bailey**, of Thomas Ford and Partners of South London, is a cathedral and church architect and a former EASA President and Secretary, who will lead us through the during the day. He will be joined by **Peter Preston** the current church architect at St Paul's Church and current EASA Vice President and **Emily Jackson** the Leeds Diocesan Church Buildings Officer. **Liz Kitch**, the Oxford DAC Secretary also hopes to be with us. During the day we shall also be joined by Peter Wells and David Ruddock St Paul's Churchwardens.

**Preparing for the Training Day:**

By way of preparation for the day please try and find out a little about the background history and Statutory Listing of the church that you will be visiting, in the way that you would prepare for a Quinquennial Inspection at a church new to you. This is not essential if you have not done this before and are new to Quinquennial Inspections, but tracking down the listing is an essential part of the investigative process. The local Pevsner's guide will also help to give you some background to the historical development of the church and the surrounding area, which may be relevant to your inspection and subsequent report.

While we will not expect you to bring with you all the equipment that you may need for an inspection please give some thought to what you may need and what other arrangements you would make to carry out an inspection of a building such as this church. Please bring with you a notebook, pen and paper and any other recording devices you may need to make notes during the day. There will be a Delegate's Pack given out on the day, which will contain some further information.

Details of how to join EASA will also be included in the Delegate Packs for those joining the Training Day as non-members, as we feel confident that you will want to join EASA once you have completed the training day.

I do hope you will be able to join us for this joint meeting with local DACs. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely



Andrew S. Wood.  
EASA Hon. Meetings Secretary.

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The Joint Booking Form for both Training Days.

[The Preliminary Programme for and Directions to St James' Church, Meltham Mills.](#)

[The Preliminary Programme for and Directions to St Paul's Church, Wokingham.](#)