

# ECCLESIASTICAL ARCHITECTS & SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION



Patron: Prince Nicholas von Preussen

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28<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Dear Colleague,

## **POSTPONED EASA AGM AND AUTUMN MEETING 2024:**

**NEW DATE - THURSDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025**

**St Mellitus College, 24, Collingham Road, Kensington, London. SW5 0LX**

### **The Postponed AGM's Venue, Date and Timing:**

The postponed **AGM and Autumn Meeting 2024** will now take place at **St Mellitus College** in St Jude's Church on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Refreshments will be served during Registration between 09.30 a.m. for 10.00 a.m. This early start is in order to allow for the slightly extended AGM business and as many speakers as possible in the morning, while also allowing time for the Awards Ceremony, our Open Forum and further speakers in the afternoon.

### **The AGM and Autumn Meeting and the Awards Ceremony:**

This year's **AGM** will address a number of issues, which reflect the changing circumstances of a digital world (GDPR Regulations) and our membership profile. A number of rule changes are to be put forward by the General Committee for consideration by the membership to reflect on these matters. Details of these rule changes will be in the meeting papers that our retiring Hon. Secretary, Graeme Renton, will be sending out to you shortly. N.B. Please remember that only Full Members of the Association can vote on motions put to the AGM.

The **Autumn Meeting** will continue our President's theme for the year, ***"Is there Holiness in Beauty – does Image matter?"*** As previously billed, our two principal speakers will be Fr. Luke Miller, who will talk about Sir Ninian Comper and his relevance today, and Nigel Copsey, a stonemason and foremost proponent of hot lime mortars, who will speak about lime rich mortars and surface treatments on churches. Both speakers will, I think, raise important issues which should give us all a great deal to consider.

As previously we shall be jointly hosting, with the National Churches Trust, the annual presentations of the King of Prussia's Gold Medal Award and the Presidents' Award. This year's entries, in all categories, have demonstrated how the Covid pandemic has continued to affect projects. However, they have also demonstrated how good quality work is still being achieved on site and how local communities are rallying around to develop projects in the face of great difficulties and lack of funding opportunities. Many of these stories are hidden behind the scenes, so it will be good to see the displays and talk to those involved when you come to the AGM. As ever, Prince Nicholas, our Patron, will be presenting the King of Prussia's Gold Medal Award alongside other presenters.

### **Making Your Bookings:**

**If you chose to roll over your booking and fee, please note that you do not need to make a further booking if your "roll over" booking has been confirmed back to you.**

However, please visit the 'Meetings & Events' page of the EASA website to find the revised Programme and Officer Nomination Forms.

If you have not yet booked, then please visit the 'Meetings & Events' page of the EASA website where you will find the revised Programme, Booking Form and the Officer Nomination Form giving full details of the AGM and Autumn meeting and how to make your booking. (NB The actual meeting papers, including reports will follow shortly).

Details of the Booking Fees for all EASA Members and Guests, who are very welcome, are shown on the Booking Form for those coming "in person" and also "virtually", as we also hope to be able to broadcast this meeting electronically by Zoom.

We now prefer you to send your booking form, or your apologies, by email ([easea.info@btinternet.com](mailto:easea.info@btinternet.com)) wherever possible and to make electronic payments using the details on the Booking Form.

We can still accept cheques and paper booking forms and apologies, sent by post.

**Papers and Delegate Packs for the AGM and Autumn Meeting:**

Delegate packs for those attending will be available on the day. For those attending virtually, we will send these out to you electronically. However, we shall also send out by email to everyone attending all relevant papers where they need to be read before the meeting. So please keep a look out for these in your "In Box" or on the EASA website.

**Getting to St Mellitus College:**

St Mellitus College is based in St Jude's Church at 24, Collingham Road, Kensington, London. SW5 0LX. It is equidistant from both Gloucester Road Underground Station (Circle, District and Piccadilly lines) and Earl's Court Underground Station (District and Piccadilly Lines only). There is no car parking on site, or locally (residents parking only), but there is an expensive NCP car park about 20 minutes' walk away. I suggest you use Google to search for others nearby if you have to use your car, but try and use public transport where possible.

Coming by tube to Gloucester Road Underground Station turn right as you come out of the station and immediately right again into Courtfield Road, passing The Bailey's Hotel edifice on your left. Continue along Courtfield Road, straight over the first mini roundabout you come to. Courtfield Road then continues to a second mini roundabout where you should turn right into Collingham Road and a few yards up this road on the right is the church. Entry is gained through the front porch door, not the tower door, which should be open, but if not please ring the video call point on the right of the doors to speak to those inside.

If you come to Earl's Court Underground Station leave the station via the Earl's Court Road exit. As you come out of the station, cross the road using the pedestrian crossing in front of you with the "Tardis" Police Box on your right. Once over the road turn right and walk along the Earl's Court Road until you reach The Blackbird Pub where you turn immediately left into Barkston Gardens, along which you walk to the end of the road. Go straight over at the crossroads here into Courtfield Gardens, continue to the next crossroads where you turn right into Collingham Road opposite the Ambassadors Hotel and you will see the church across the road. Then gain entry as above.

**In Conclusion:**

I do hope you will be able to join us for the AGM and Autumn Meetings at St Mellitus College in Kensington. Please reserve Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in your diary and make sure that you make your booking for the AGM and Autumn Meetings as soon as possible and **no later than Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Ashley Courtney and I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew S. Wood.  
EASA Immediate Past President and Hon. Meetings Secretary.

***P.S. Please see also the Stop Press: Postscript Item on the next page for further information on the programme for the 2025 Meetings.***

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**Stop Press: Postscript:****1) EASA Books, Past Journals and Transactions Etc coming to the AGM:**

Please note that as part of our drive to slim down EASA's archives and paper storage I hope to bring to the AGM and Autumn Meeting a selection of EASA Journals and Transactions, along with copies of the original Mortars, Plasters and Renders in Conservation booklet, second edition, by John Ashurst. We also have a few books on various architects and other related subjects. These will be available to all for a small donation, preferably in cash, but we will try and make some provision for electronic payments if possible.

**2) Diary Dates for 2025:**

In view of the postponement of the AGM and Autumn Meeting at which the dates for 2025 would have been publicised I am now setting out the main dates for your diaries below:

**a) Postponed AGM and Autumn Meeting 2024:**

Date: Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025:

Venue: St Mellitus College, South Kensington, London.

**a) Spring Conference 2025:**

Theme: "Speak O Lord"; Exploring the relationship between theology and architecture.

Date: Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 inclusive:

Venue: Leonardo Hotel Oxford (Provisional).

**c) AGM and Autumn Meeting 2025:**

Date: Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025:

Venue: St Mellitus College, South Kensington, London.

***Andrew Wood.***

**EASA Immediate Past President and Hon. Meetings Secretary.**