

Independent Examination

Dear Colleagues,

At our last Treasurers Forum we covered the requirements for year-end processes including the external scrutiny of the parish financial statements at the end of the year. Consensus during the session was that a number of treasurers were willing to share the load and act in a reciprocal capacity as an Independent Examiner for parishes who have yet to appoint an examiner.

Given that many of us have the required experience and knowledge to act as the competent person outside of another PCC, we are well placed to support each other.

At Cuthbert House we maintain a small register of volunteer Independent Examiners (IE). If you are a parish looking for an Independent Examiner we may be able to find a volunteer listed on the Register. If you would like to volunteer as an IE please contact Nathan.bruce@durham.anglican.org based at Cuthbert House.

In case you have not looked at the guidance for some time it may be helpful to refer to the Parish Resources section on Independent Examination via the following link. The page refers to Charity Commission guidelines CC31 & CC32 including the recommended checklist, and the last updates to the directions that came into force in September 2017
<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/resources-for-treasurers/accounting-and-reporting/independent-examination/>