

The Society for Church Archaeology Annual Conference 2025: Call for Papers

Church Archaeology in 2025

Lincoln

11th October 2025

Church archaeology is an increasingly broad field of study, with traditional methods being complemented by new approaches and audiences. Advances in archaeological techniques present new opportunities for studying both upstanding and buried remains, whilst the transformation of ecclesiastical buildings in the 21st century is supported by a wealth of methodologies both in terms of investigating the past and presenting this to diverse audiences. The theme for this year's annual conference reflects this diversity by considering proposals for 20 minute papers on all aspects of church archaeology. These will be presented in-person at the society's annual conference on 11th October 2025 (in exceptional circumstances, virtual papers will also be considered; please state these clearly in your proposal). Topics covered might include but are not limited to:

- New approaches to church archaeology
- New discoveries at ecclesiastical sites
- Recent work on material culture including memorials, bells and furnishings
- The use of heritage and community archaeology in engaging new audiences

Please email abstracts of no more than 250 words, expressions of interest or general enquiries to churcharchconference@gmail.com. The conference will be held in Lincoln (more details to be circulated shortly), and a tour of ecclesiastical sites will take place on the 12th October. Speakers will have their conference fee waived and there is also a budget to cover travel expenses, please contact the above email for more information. **The deadline for papers is 31st May 2025.**