

Website Nuts and Bolts

The website <https://heraultenglishchurch.fr/> is built using three external organisations: Yola, GANDI and Cloudflare. These represent three layers of the Internet.

The lower layer is Yola (<https://www.yola.com/>) and this is where the editing of the website is done. The webmaster of All Saints uses this to keep the website up to date. The user name for All Saints on Yola is achstpwebsite@gmail.com and a password is required. The user name is also the e-mail address for mail concerning the website.

Once logged in, you will be on the 'My Sites' Yola page and you will see two sites. The 'Herauld English Church All Saints' site was a dummy one for testing only, so click on 'Edit site' above the 'Herauld English Church' heading. You will then be in 'Sitebuilder', the website editor.

Sitebuilder is a fairly intuitive way to build website pages using text, photographs or videos. This document is not intended to be a manual for Sitebuilder but a Google search will give guidance. We pay a fee to Yola for hosting our website, ie space on their servers for it, and for the use of Sitebuilder.

The next layer up is the domain registrar, in our case GANDI, and our domain name heraultenglishchurch.fr was bought through GANDI. We pay an annual fee to them for this.

The third layer, through Cloudflare, enables us to use encrypted connections. This gives our website a prefix of https instead of http and more security. It should also help to give us a higher ranking with search engines such as Google. HTTP means Hypertext Transfer Protocol and HTTPS means Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure. Cloudflare is free for this basic service.

We also have another domain name, heraultenglishchurch.com. The advantage of this is that nobody else can use it. Typing it into a web browser automatically brings up our main website, heraultenglishchurch.fr. This domain was bought from Yola and so there is a fee for that and also a small extra fee to keep the details of ownership confidential: Yola charge for this service and GANDI do not.

It may be sensible to rationalise the arrangements described above eventually.

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