

# Funding for church building projects – can we help you?

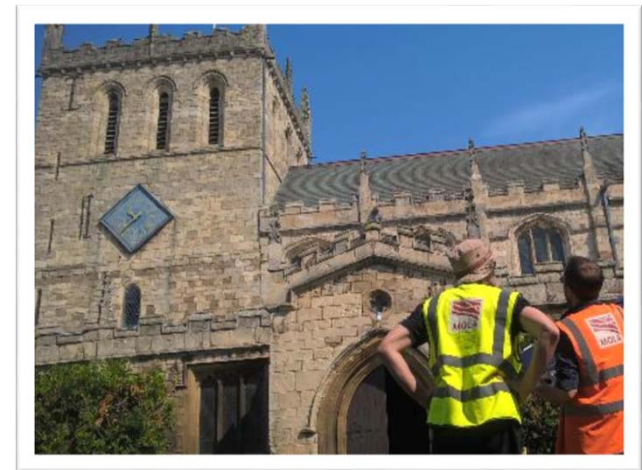
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# Coming up:

- Who is the National Churches Trust?
- Who / what / where do we support?
- Is there a grant programme for you?
- Is your project eligible?
- How to apply?
- Our other projects and initiatives



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# The National Churches Trust

The national, independent, non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting and supporting church buildings of historic, architectural and community value across the United Kingdom.

We offer support, advice and funding to Christian places of worship of ALL denominations

For information on all of our activities please visit

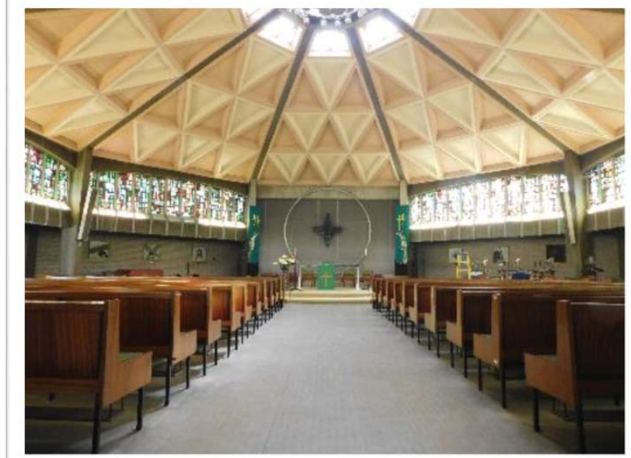
[www.nationalchurchestrust.org](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org)

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# Our grant programmes

- £1.5 million grants budget
- 5 core programmes
- Over 450 applications each year
- Award around 160 grants
- 1 in 4 successful
- 3 deadline and decision dates
- Never fund more than 50% costs



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# Our grant programmes

- Project Development Grants
  - Preparing projects upto RIBA stage 1
    - *Up to £10,000*
- Maintenance Grants
  - Urgent repairs to listed buildings, under £10,000
    - *£1,000 to £2,500*
- Yorkshire Micro Maintenance
  - For churches in Yorkshire using MaintenanceBooker
    - *Up to 50%*

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# Our grant programmes

- Community Grants
  - Installation of kitchens and toilets over £25,000
    - *£5,000 to £25,000*
- Repair Grants
  - Major structural repairs over £100,000
    - *£5,000 to £40,000*
- Cinnamon Grants
  - Social action projects
    - *£2,000*
- Partnership Grants
  - *£2,500 to £10,000*

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## Our grants


Welcome to our grants pages.

We support a wide variety of projects through our grant programmes. From repairing a roof to helping to install an accessible toilet - and many other projects - our grants help people to continue to serve, and to serve better, their local communities.

To find out more about applying for a grant, please select the relevant programme below or visit our [Choose the Right Grant](#) page.

You can find details of churches, chapels and meeting houses we have helped with grants on our [interactive map](#) or view our [case studies](#).

If you have any questions, please check the programme guidance notes and our [Grants FAQ](#) page in the first instance. You can also watch our videos below.



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Maintenance Grants by National Churches Trust

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### Which grant is right for my project?

We support a wide variety of projects through our grant programmes. From repairing a roof to helping to install an accessible toilet - and many other projects - our grants help churches, people and local communities.

If you are looking for funding from us, but are not sure if you can fund your project or are unsure which grant programme to apply through, please look through the options below. Just click on a red button for more information.

Please note that to be eligible for any of our grant programmes, you must have 50% of the funding required in place, this can include any VAT you are eligible to reclaim through the [Local Places of Worship Grant Scheme](#). You can find details of churches, chapels and meeting houses we have helped with grants on our [interactive map](#).

**1. REPAIRS to our church building e.g. re-roofings, stone repairs etc.**

AND

Works are urgent and structural and cost over £100,000 including VAT and fees.

**You may be eligible for our Repairs Grant Programme**

OR

Works are for structural fabric repairs and cost under £100,000 including VAT and fees.

AND

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## Managing building projects

Many churches consider building work of some kind. It may be to carry out essential repairs to the fabric, or to install new facilities to enable the building to be used more widely.

It is widely acknowledged that keeping a building in use is more likely to result in the preservation, proper maintenance and sustainability of that building. So adapting and enhancing the usability of your church may have a positive impact on its state of repair as well as on its use. However, remember that your church is still a place of worship and it is important that people still recognise it as such.

Small changes can often achieve a lot. You don't have to launch straight into a large project. Start small and try out some ideas to see what works within your building and with your community. If you are about to undertake any works whether repairs or re-ordering or even maintenance, you could also take the opportunity to think about access and energy efficiency. It might be easier to make improvements as part of a staged larger project, rather than doing everything separately.

### Planning ahead

It is often said that failing to plan is planning to fail. Do not neglect planning. Time spent planning and preparing for your project is never wasted, and can prove invaluable if something goes wrong further down the line.

### Finding the money

Support our work

"I am proud and happy to support the hard work of the National Churches Trust and hope that you might join me" Mrs. Worsell

or

Search for churches and chapels we have helped by using the filters below

Country:

Type of Grant:

Year:

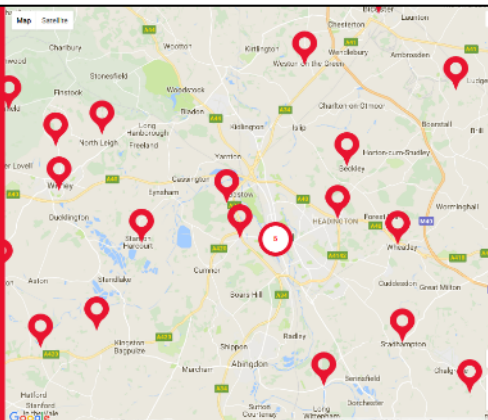
Reimbursement:

Find

Or search by postcode. The results will display on the map - please click on a pin to show church details underneath the map.

Postcode:

Search by postcode



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# Are you eligible?

- Located in the UK, Isle of Man or the Channel Islands
- Originally built as a place of worship and open for regular public worship
- Open at least 40 days per year
- Work not yet started
- Led by a qualified professional
- Over 50% funds raised
- For Community applicants - all necessary permissions in place



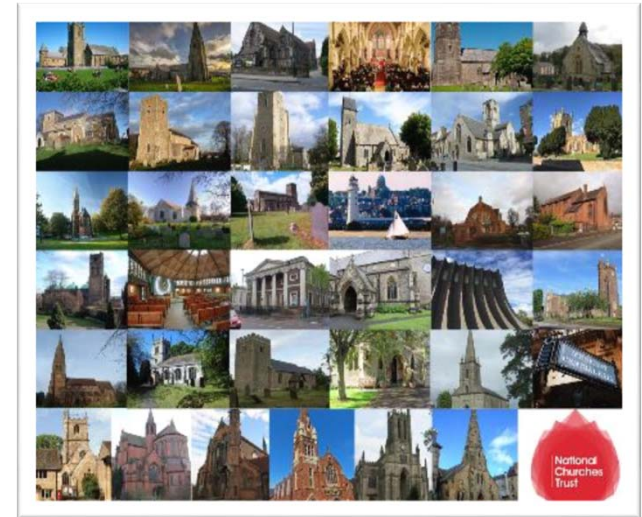
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# How we assess

- Heritage
- Case for investment
- Heritage impact
- Community impact
- Risk management
- Deprivation
- Priority area
- Heritage at risk status



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# Top tips

- Read the guidance note before applying
- Supply all documents requested
- Meet any deadlines

In your answers, let us know:

- Why your project is essential and why you need our support
- How the project is well planned, viable, sustainable
- How your community is engaged
- The benefits and impacts of your project

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# Craiglockhart Parish Church - Edinburgh

*"The roof report prepared by our architects indicated three areas requiring urgent attention; roof slates, ridge tiles and ivy on our halls. ...."*

- £1,732 Maintenance Grant in 2017
- Grade B / Presbyterian



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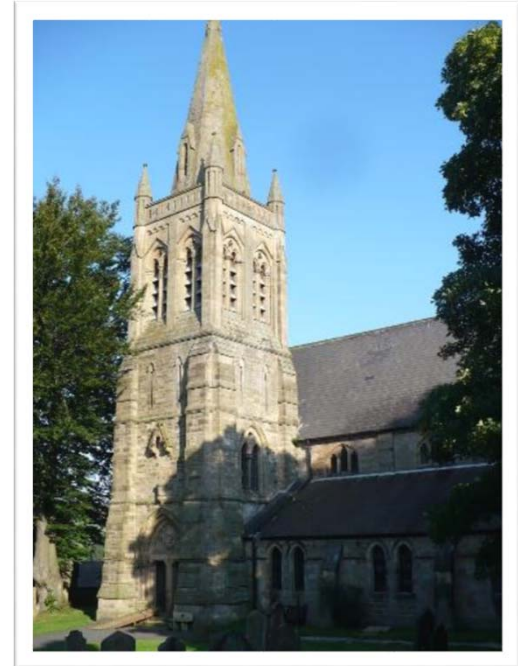




# St Augustine's - Alston

*"We need to act quickly to revive community interest and engagement in developing plans for adapting the building for wider community use"*

- £10,000 Project Development Grant in 2016
- Grade II
- To prepare plans to adapt the church for community activities, an arts and cultural hub and a sustainable future as a Place of Worship



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# Trinity Methodist Church, Clitheroe - Lancashire

*"The new building will help us serve the Trinity family and the wider community .... We can now offer a first class facility to the Ribble Valley..."*

- £10,000 Community Grant in 2014
- Unlisted / Methodist
- Project to refurbish toilets and servery, improve disabled access and enhance entrance area



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# St Columbkille Catholic Church, Rutherglen

*"This will allow easier and more desirable access to church and surrounding grounds as this church occupies a most significant location in the Main Street of Rutherglen..."*

- £15,000 Community Grant in 2015
- Grade A / Roman Catholic
- Project included accessible toilets



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# St Cuthbert's Church - Kentmere

*"repairs to the roof will make the building watertight and remove the danger of any structural failure during winter storms & snowfall...details about the history of the church & surrounding area...will be accessible to all..."*

- £10,000 Repair Grant in 2015
- Grade II / Church of England
- 300 year old roof structure failing
- Highly commended – Building Conservation - RICS NW 2017

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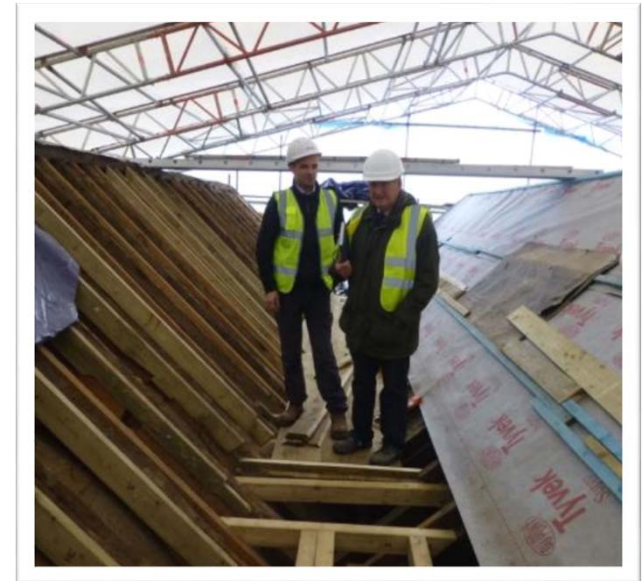




# St Dominica, St Dominic, Cornwall

*“The project will ensure continued access to the church with no further ingress of water and will preserve the C15th barrel-vaulted ceilings, moulded plaster panels & 96 carved bosses, blue chancel roof and C19th tile floor.”*

- £30,000 Repair Grant in 2015
- Grade I / Church of England
- Replacement of lead valley gutters to help safeguard C15 barrel vault



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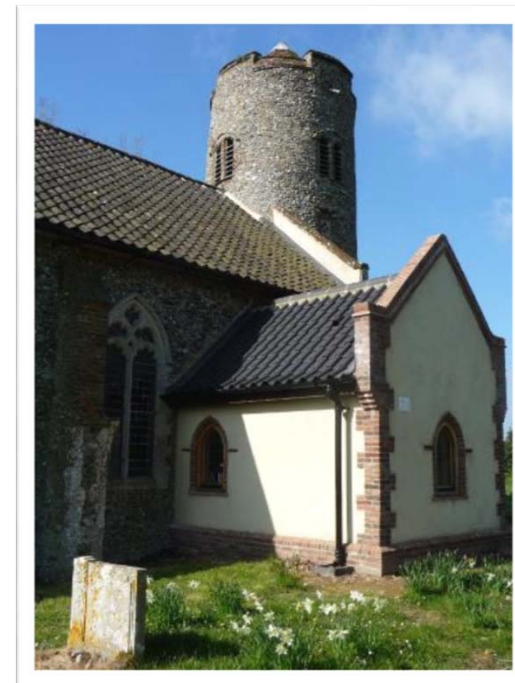


# All Saints, Hemblington - Norfolk

*"Visitors to the church are surprised and delighted... We are planning a study day...which would have been impossible without the new facilities. Our project has also drawn questions from other remote rural churches and we can share our journey with them."*

- £10,000 Community Grant in 2014
- Grade I / Church of England
- Extension for accessible toilet and kitchen

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# St Michael and All Angels, Meeth - Devon

*"A safer building and new facilities will enable us to involve more people to visit and learn more about the history and archaeology of the building."*

- £10,000 Repair Grant in 2016
- Grade II\* / Church of England
- Tower repairs



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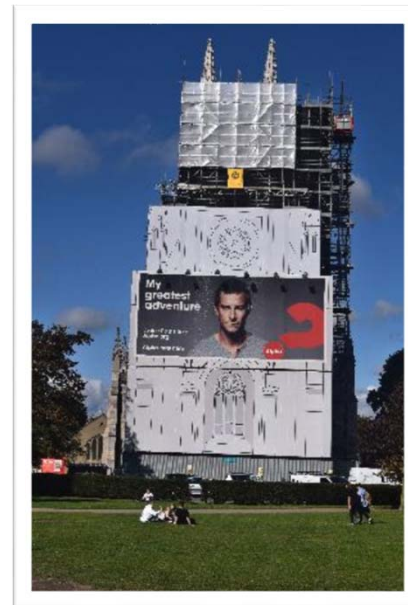


# St Mary, Kemp Town - Brighton

*"The project will make a major contribution to the survival and development of St Mary's as an historically important building and an accessible and valued community resource"*

- £40,000 Repair Grant in 2016
- Grade II\* / Church of England
- Roof, rainwater, window and masonry repairs

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# Join us as a Friend!

Become a part of our growing community, and help us secure the future of our nation's churches, chapels and meeting houses.

From £35 per year you can have access to our newsletters, annual review, events and offers.

Let people know about our work, so that we can continue to award grants and offer advice to people like you!

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# MaintenanceBooker & Yorkshire Maintenance

- Supports clearance of gutters in order to extend the life of the building - Yorkshire
- Grants of up to 50% of the maintenance contract – must be booked via MaintenanceBooker website
- In partnership with the Pilgrim Trust
- Decision within 4 weeks
- Must show commitment to a maintenance plan
- Apply via [www.maintenancebooker.org.uk](http://www.maintenancebooker.org.uk)



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# Explore Churches



The screenshot shows the homepage of the ExploreChurches website. At the top left is the logo 'ExploreChurches' with a small church icon. To the right is a navigation menu with links: 'Home', 'Map', 'Themed lists', 'Events', 'About', and 'National Churches Trust'. Below the navigation is a dark blue header with the text 'A beautiful collection of fascinating places to visit'. Underneath this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search by postcode or place' and a yellow 'SEARCH' button. The main content area features three large promotional tiles. The left tile shows a church with a spire and a yellow play button icon, with the text 'Watch the video'. The middle tile is a grid of small church images with the text 'Vote for your favourite Welsh church or chapel'. Below this is a blue tile for 'ENGLISH PARISH CHURCHES AND CHAPELS' with the subtitle 'Architecture, Art and People' and a 'Buy our gorgeous new book' button. The right tile shows a large stone church with the text 'Church of the week'. On the far left of the main content area are social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. At the bottom of the main content area is the text 'Inspire me'.

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# Other things we do

- Ride and Stride (September 2018)
- JustGiving
- Professional Trades Directory
- ComRes polls
- E-Newsletter
- Advice e.g. on fundraising
- Campaigns – 50 Things, Sacred Wales
- Social media



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