

The National Churches Trust - what we can do to support you

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Agenda

- Introduction
- NCT welcome: who we are, how to support us
- Grant programmes and eligibility requirements, other NCT services
- Application process, scoring criteria, timescales and deadlines
- Top tips for applying to us

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Welcome to The National Churches Trust!

- The national, independent, non-profit organisation promoting and supporting church buildings of historic, architectural and community value across the UK
- Support, advice and funding to Christian places of worship of ALL denominations
- For information on all of our activities please visit www.nationalchurchestrust.org



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 £30 per year you can have access to our newsletters, annual review, events and offers.

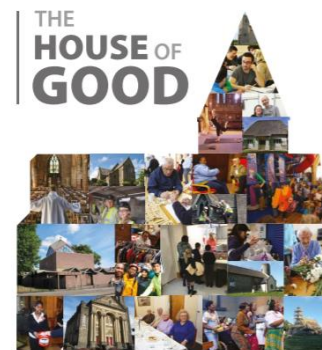
Let people know about our work, so that we can continue to award grants and offer advice to people like you!

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House of Good

- 'The House of Good' measures the extent of the social and economic value provided for the nation and local communities by the UK's church buildings.
- Heritage and church sector has been poor at providing information on financial value/benefit
- Lack of consistent funding for churches from state (schemes come and go)
- Provide evidence to enable us to sustain more church buildings
- The report quantifies the market and non-market value of the welfare and wellbeing created by church buildings. This includes the provision of food banks, mental health services, addiction support services and youth services.
- Understand the value the buildings make to our society over and above heritage value



The economic and social value
of church buildings to the UK



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Results:

- The overall social and economic value of church buildings is at least **£12.4 billion annually**; roughly equal to the total NHS spending in England on mental health in 2018!
- For **every £1** invested in church buildings there is a **Social Return on Investment of £3.74** using the most conservative methods.
- Our analysis shows that the UK's church buildings:
 - house food banks providing £7bn worth of services
 - Mental health services worth £900m
 - £400m in youth services
 - £127m in addiction services every year

Read the report summary and detailed report:

www.houseofgood.nationalchurchestrust.org/



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St Mary Chapel

🕒 Opening for Heritage Open Days 2019: • Friday 20 September: 10.30am to 3.30pm. • Saturday 21 September: 10.30am to 3.30pm. • Sunday 22 September: 10.30am to 3.30pm. Otherwise, open by appointment.

📍 Crathorne, Yorkshire | TS15 0BB

A gem of a Georgian Roman Catholic pre-emancipation chapel opened 1821 and a rare example of only two such chapels in the country!

St Mary Crowned

🕒 Tuesday 9.30am to 11am. Thursday 9.30am to 11am. Saturday 9am to 12noon. Sunday 8.45am to 11am.

📍 Glossop, Derbyshire | SK13 8DP

⚙️ Church is striking for its vast scale and interior

Newman House

🕒 We are open during the morning of weekdays and on Sunday.

📍 Edgbaston, West Midlands | B15 3QR

Hello and welcome to the University of Birmingham Catholic Chaplaincy.



St Walburge's Shrine Church
The largest non cathedral Catholic church with the tallest parish spire in the country, open to all.
Preston, Lancashire | PR2 2QE

ExploreChurches

A new and exciting place to promote churches.

ExploreChurches is part of our tourism work.

It features:

- regularly changing homepage
- NEW experiences
- events
- themed lists, trails, and stories
- searchable map
- 4000+ detailed church pages
- visitor guide, with regional, themed and festival pages
- spotters guide
- about us section, with information and support

Find out more : <https://www.explorechurches.org/about-us>



Grant programmes 2019-'23

Preventative Maintenance Micro Grants Awards of up to £500

- Towards small services booked on MaintenanceBooker

Foundation Grants Awards of £500 to £5,000

- Maintenance and repair projects up to £10,000

Gateway Grants Awards of £3,000 to £10,000

- Project development up to RIBA Stage 1
- Supporting local churches trusts
- Essential repairs costing £10,000 to £100,000

Cornerstone Grants Awards of £10,000 to £50,000

- Urgent structural repairs costing over £100,000
- New facilities (kitchens & toilets) over £30,000

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Eligibility

- ✓ Located in the UK
- ✓ Originally built as a place of worship (over 30 years ago) and open for regular public worship
- ✓ Work not yet started
- ✓ At least 50% funds raised
- ✓ Open at least 100 days per year – or within 1 year of completion
- ✓ Leading qualified professional with conservation accreditation if listed
- ✓ Necessary permissions and multiple quotes in place

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What we don't fund

- Approximately 30% applications are ineligible at the outset
- We don't fund:
 - Works to the churchyard, boundary walls, car parks, paths
 - Repairs to heating and boilers
 - Reordering, lighting, electricity, audio-visual equipment
 - Repairs or maintenance for clocks, organs, bells, monuments
 - Restoration of wall paintings, stained glass (unless urgent repairs to window structure)
 - New builds

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Maintenance

- At the [NCT we value maintenance](#) as a way of preserving heritage and resources, saving money and promoting guardianship
- Three key elements are inspection, regular maintenance and minor repairs
- We worked with Historic England and the [SPAB](#) and revised our template, available online
- For the past 2 years at Local Treasures events, we have awarded additional grants to reward good maintenance practice



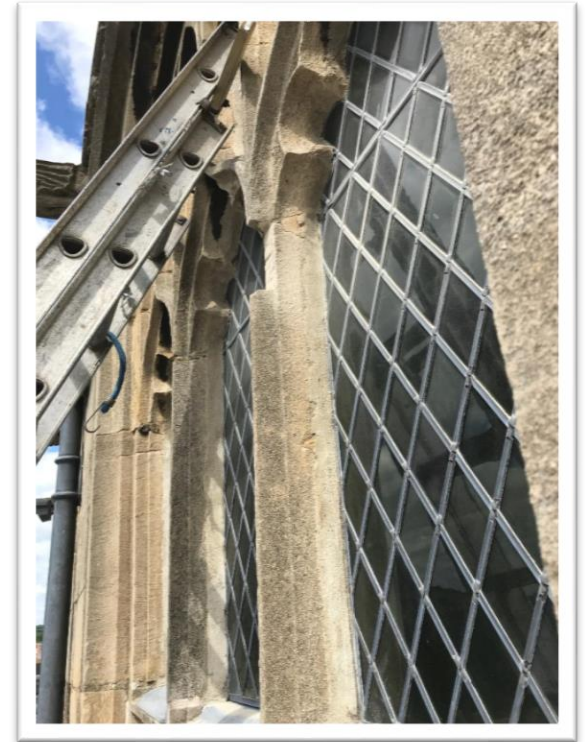
CRADLEY, St James the Great

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Building Survey Reports

- Most churches, and many secular historic buildings, are inspected every five years (their quinquennial inspection).
- A [quinquennial inspection](#) is a complete survey of all aspects of a church's fabric.
- Appointing a specialist is very important
- Gives you a snapshot of the state of your building, and over time will show the benefits of your regular maintenance and timely repairs



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MaintenanceBooker

- Supports maintenance works to help extend the life of the building
- Enables churches to book high quality contractors online
- Piloted in Yorkshire, expanding across UK
- Register: www.maintenancebooker.org.uk
- Preventative Maintenance Micro Grants



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Foundation Grants – for maintenance

- Awards of £500 to £5,000
- Maintenance and repair projects up to £10,000
- E.g. small roof repairs, repointing, repairs to rainwater goods
- Work identified in recent QI/survey report
- 2 quotes and 50%
- Permissions
- Support from lead professional (CA)
- Maintenance plan
- Rolling decisions



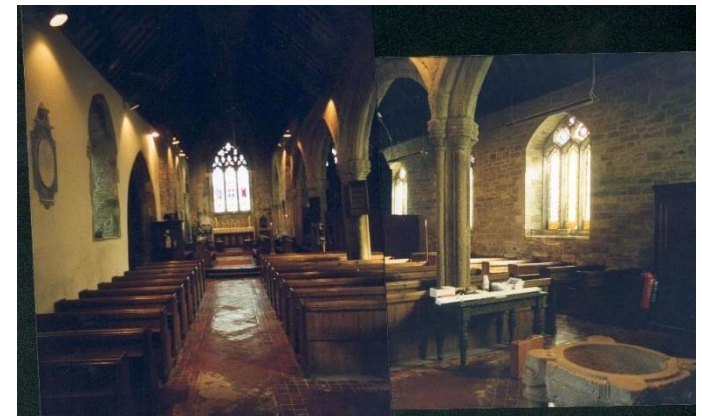
The Pilgrim Trust

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Gateway Grants – Project Development

- Awards of between £3,000 and £10,000
- Project development up to RIBA Stage 1
- E.g. feasibility studies, option appraisals, detailed reports to better understand an issue
- 2 quotes and 50% funds for this element
- Support from lead professional (CA)
- 3 decision rounds



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Gateway Grants - repairs

- Awards of between £3,000 and £10,000
- Essential fabric repairs costing £10,000 to £100,000
- Work identified in recent QI/survey report as priority
- 2 quotes and 50% funds in place
- Permissions
- Conservation accredited lead professional
- 3 decision rounds



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Cornerstone Grants

- Awards of between £10,000 and £50,000
- Urgent structural repairs costing over £100,000
- New facilities (kitchens & toilets) over £30,000
- 50% funding in place
- Permissions
- Conservation Accredited Professional if church is listed

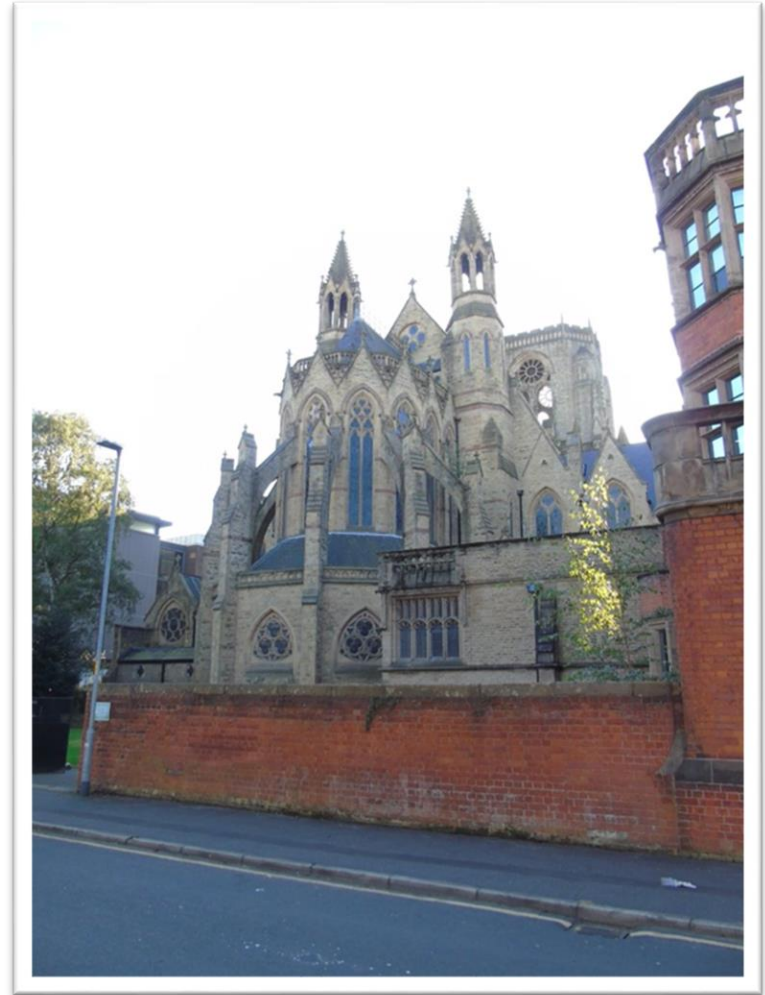


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MANCHESTER, Holy Name of Jesus

£15,000 Cornerstone Grant,
November 2020 & £15,000 Wolfson
Grade I, At Risk
Total project cost over £120,000



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Other Funders and the Wolfson Foundation

- Essential fabric repairs for:
 - Grade I or II* listed buildings
- Up to £10,000 additional grant – still enter via Gateway or Cornerstone
- We recommend to several other funders too



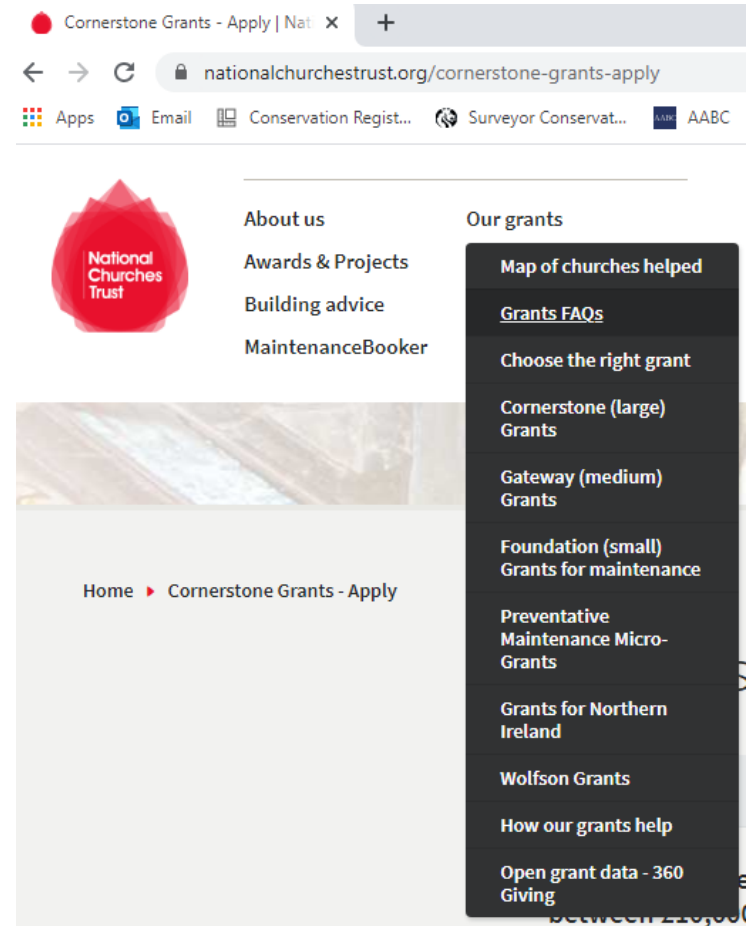
The Wolfson^{*}
Foundation

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Application Process

- All applications are submitted online
- Guidance notes
- Eligibility quiz
- Issues- send email to grants@nationalchurchestrust.org



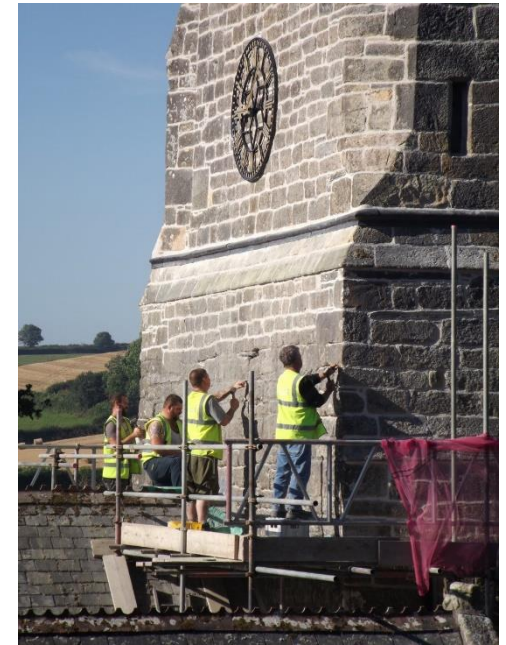
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Scoring Criteria

- Heritage
- Need
- Case for investment
- Risk management & Project planning
- Heritage & Community impact (incremental for programmes)

Priority areas: North East, Wales, N. Ireland



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Our Grant Outcomes

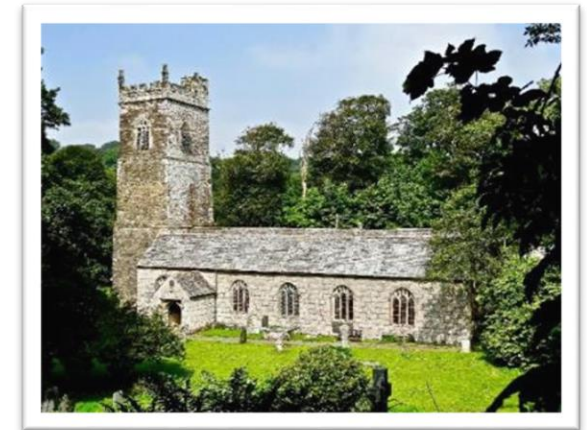
Preserving Heritage

- Building will be in better condition
- Building will be better managed
- Building / heritage will be better understood



Promoting Sustainability

- Building will be more suitable for wider community uses
- Building / organisation will be more secure for the future
- Problems will be diagnosed and / or projects well planned



Inspiring Support

- Church will engage with more people
- Increased opportunity for volunteering
- Place of worship will be more financially viable

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Upcoming 2021 Grant Deadlines

Preventative maintenance & Foundation	Gateway	Cornerstone
ROLLING	13th May for a decision in July	5th July for a decision in November
Final deadline for a decision this year is 30th October	9th September for a decision in November	November for a decision in March (2022)
	January (2022) for a decision in March	March 2022

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Top tips

- Read the guidance note before applying
- Read the help notes in the application form
- Plan ahead – view questions in advance
- Complete the full form – save and return
- Supply all documents requested
- Meet any deadlines



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Top tips

- Grants Committee prefer to see a varied funding picture including some local fundraising
- Is there a way to include more consultation with congregation or local groups?



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Lead with the need

- Remember we don't know your church or locality like you do
- Let us know:
 - why your project is essential – what is the problem, what are you going to do about it 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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A photograph of a church with several tall, pointed spires, silhouetted against a bright orange and yellow sunset sky. The sun is visible as a bright orb between two of the spires on the right. Tree branches with leaves are visible in the upper right corner, and the dark silhouette of a tree trunk is on the far right. The overall scene is peaceful and inspirational.

If at 1st you don't succeed...

...celebrate your successes

...staying in touch

Any questions?

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