# NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST



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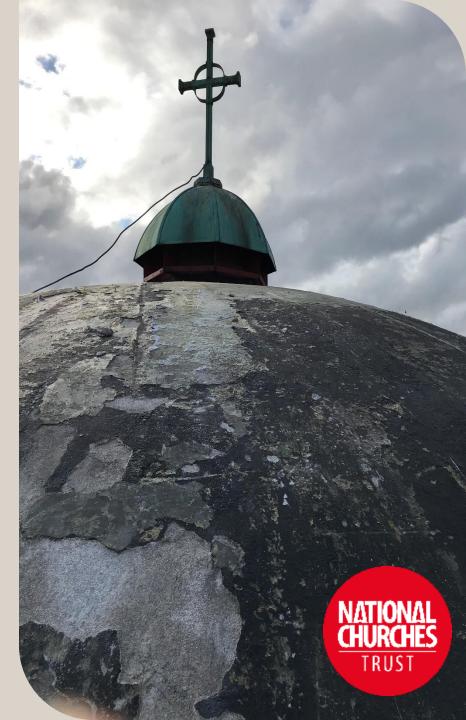
We want to keep wonderful churches

#### WHO ARE WE?

The national charity that helps keep the UK's wonderful collection of church buildings well maintained, valued and used.

#### **RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Every Church Counts a six point plan to save the UK's church buildings
- House of Good social and economic value of church buildings is worth around £55 billion
- National Lottery Heritage Fund Projects Cherish and Treasure Ireland
- Awards made in 2024 312 grants totalling £2.8m

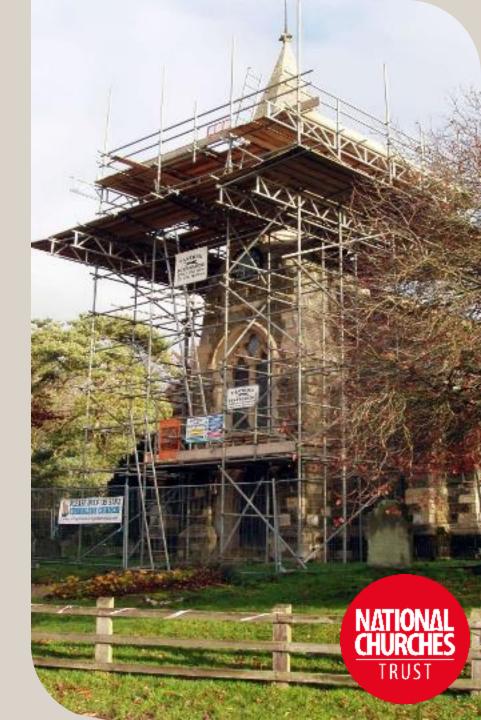




#### **OUR GRANTS**

- Medium Grants: Up to £10k
  - project development up to RIBA Stage 1
  - essential repairs costing up to £80k
- Large Grants: Up to £50k
  - urgent structural repairs costing over £80k
  - new facilities (kitchens/toilets) over £30k

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#### WHAT WE DON'T FUND

- > 30% of applications are ineligible at the outset
- ➤ We cannot fund:
  - > Heating, lighting, electricity or audio-visual equipment
  - > Work to fixtures and fittings e.g. clocks, organs, bells,

monuments

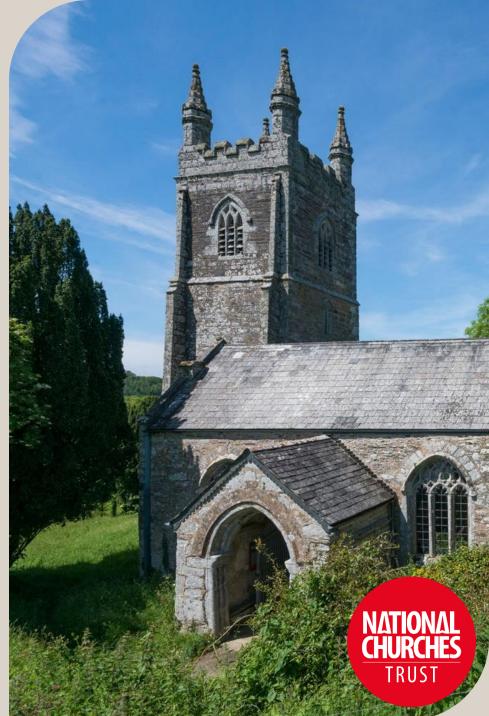
- Restoration of decorative features, e.g. wall paintings, stained glass
- > Work to churchyards, boundary walls, car parks, paths, etc
- New builds or separate structures



#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Every application starts with an eligibility quiz

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



## MEDIUM GRANTS (Project Development)

- Awards up to £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



## MEDIUM GRANTS (Repair)

- Awards up to £10,000
- Essential repairs costing up to £80,000
- E.g. roof repairs, masonry repairs, rainwater goods –

ideally identified in a recent Five Year Inspection

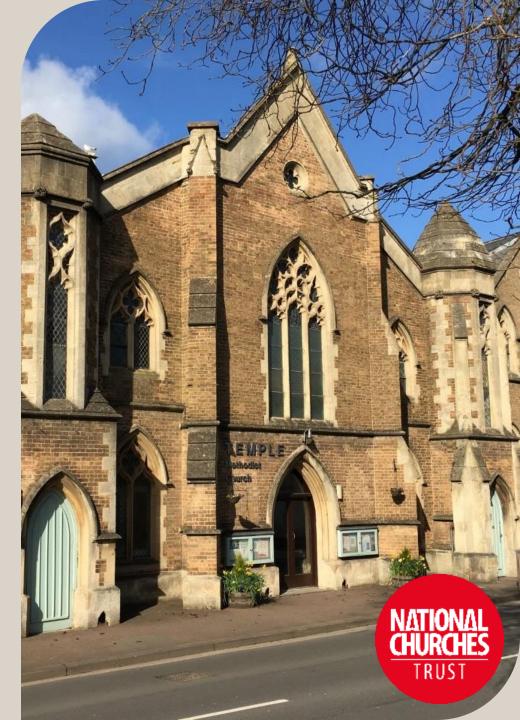
Report/survey

- Permissions, 2 quotes and 50% funds in place
- Conservation accredited lead professional
- 3 decision rounds per year



#### LARGE GRANTS

- Awards up to £50,000
- Urgent structural repairs costing over £80,000
- New facilities (kitchens & accessible toilets) over £30,000
- Two stage process
- Tendered or QS Costs and 50% funding in place
- Permissions
- Conservation Accredited Professional if church is listed
- 3 decision rounds per year



#### **WOLFSON FOUNDATION AND OTHER FUNDERS**

- Essential fabric repairs for Grade I or II\* listed buildings
- Up to £10,000 additional grant via Medium or Large Programmes
- We recommend to several other funders too
- Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

The Wolfson\* Foundation





#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Guidance note
- Application is submitted through our online portal
- Application is assessed internally by NCT staff
- Applications go to grants committee for final decisions
- Formal decision letter by email





- Apply on time
- Ask someone else to look at the application
- Ask your **professional** to help, especially with problem, impact, solution
- Make sure your figures are clear
- Submit all required documentation
- Lead with the need
- Celebrate your **successes**
- Go into detail



#### DEADLINES

- Large (Stage 1) : 1<sup>st</sup> July
- Medium : 12<sup>th</sup> August



#### **RESOURCES & SUPPORT**

- Maintenance Advice
  - Maintenance plan templates
  - Maintenance videos
- Training
- Funding and support organisations database
- A Five Point Guide to developing your project
- Specialist Skills Directory

#### nationalchurchestrust.org/ get-support/buildings-maintenance/maintenanceadvice



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