

Grant funding for your church

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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
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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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NCT and Cornish churches



In last 10 years:

- 116 applicants (all programmes)
- 69 grants (£500 to £40,000)
totalling = £538,900

In 2020:

- 12 applicants, 6 grants made =
£23,605
- 2% of total awards made

Success rate is higher than average

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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

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

Leedstown United Methodist Church,

Cornwall

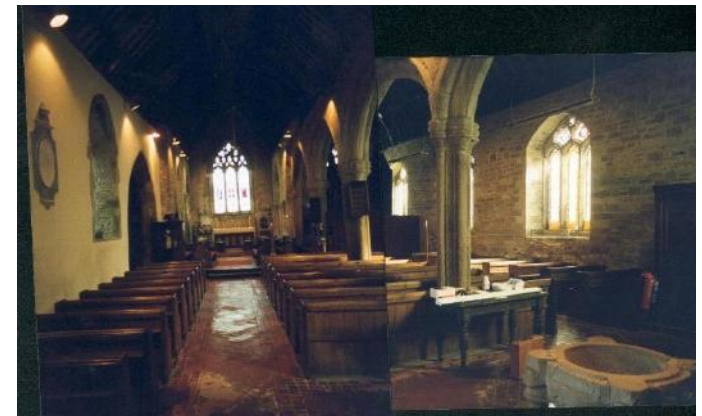
- £3000 Maintenance (Foundation) Grant, July 2018
- Total project cost £7500



“The maintenance grant has enabled the church to replace defective pointing and replaster internally.”

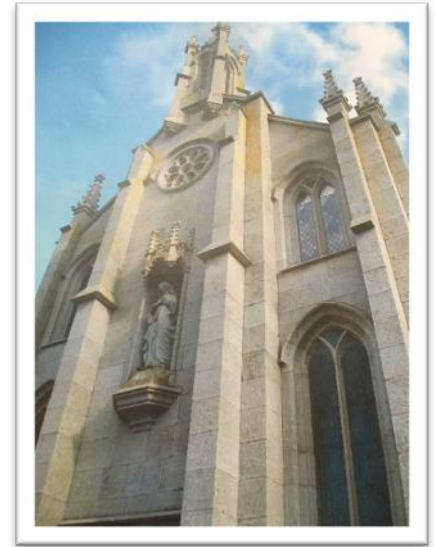
Gateway Grants – Project Development

- 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



Gateway Grants - repairs

- Awards of between £5,000 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



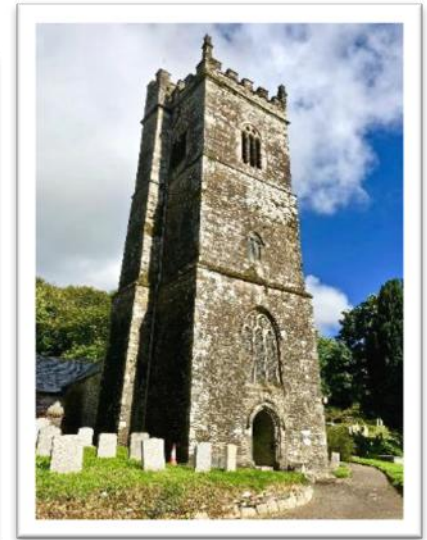
Cornerstone Grants

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



St Julietta, Lanteglos by Camelford, Cornwall

- £40,000 Repair Grant, March 2018
- Total project cost £413,000



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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



Our Grant Outcomes

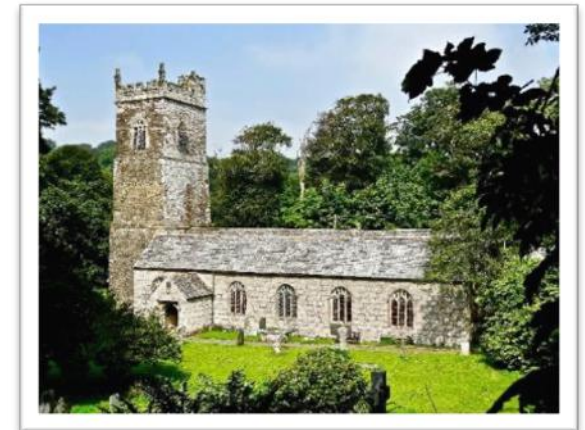
Preserving Heritage

- 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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The Wolfson Foundation

- Essential fabric repairs at:
 - Grade I or II* listed in England and Wales
 - Grade A or B+ listed in Northern Ireland
 - Grade A or B listed in Scotland
- Up to £10,000 additional grant – still enter via Gateway or Cornerstone, as suitable
- Do recommend to other funders too

The Wolfson*
Foundation



Upcoming 2021 Grant Deadlines

| Preventative maintenance & Foundation | Gateway | Cornerstone |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| ROLLING | 13 May for a decision in July (just passed) | Deadline passed |
| | 9 September for a decision in November | 5 July for a decision in November |
| | January - TBC | November - TBC |

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