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40 churches saved for Christmas by our grants

Dear Supporter,

We're delighted to share with you that forty churches across the UK will stay open and in good repair thanks to £496,625 awarded by the National Churches Trust in our latest round of grants.

Reverend Lucie Lunn, Vicar of St Margaret's Church in Hornby, Lancashire shared what the grant meant to her church and community:

"It's difficult to put into words the difference this grant makes to the life of the church. Our outreach, worship and funds have been clouded by the concern for the roof for several years. To know that we are able now to plan for the school's Christmas service and other events for our community to come back into the building is an immeasurable gift."

You can [read more about the churches we've been able to help here](#), where you can also find an interactive map and a photo gallery.

So many churches – like St Margaret's – desperately need help, are close to giving up, and struggling to see a way forward. Grants, like these, can help to keep these churches open and serving local people.

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire".

Claire Walker

Chief Executive

PS It's not too late to help. [Find out how you can help us](#) to reach even more churches in the UK with crucial support.

Celebrate the festive season



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In our latest round of funding, we awarded almost half a million pounds to 40 churches and chapels. Through our Large and Medium grants, we have been able to reach places of worship across the UK with vital support, enabling them to keep their buildings well maintained and open for all.

[Read more about the churches we've been able to help](#)



Don't miss *Carols by Candlelight*

Our *Carols by Candlelight* concert is taking place next week, on Thursday 14 December in London, and it's not too late to get a ticket.

We are excited to announce that comedian Tim Vine will be hosting the carol service. There will also be music by Joe Stilgoe and a brilliant brass band, as well as readings by Alexander Armstrong, Michael Palin, Canon Ann Easter and Bill Bryson.

[Get your ticket now](#)

If you cannot make it to London, we'll be livestreaming the concert. [Sign up for a livestream ticket.](#)



Last minute Christmas gifts for your loved ones

Give someone special a gift that will last the whole year. Our gift membership is the perfect present for people who love heritage and who appreciate the rich history the UK's churches, chapels and meeting houses. Our gift welcome pack includes a copy of *The Treasures of English Churches*, an inspiring book of photographs by Dr Matthew Byrne.

[Find out more](#)

Help us to support even more churches



Join our grants committee

Do you love church buildings and want them to remain a sustainable part of our heritage and playing a vital role in community life? Perhaps you have experience helping keep historic buildings open and well maintained, or have championed their social and community value, or have experience leading church building or engagement projects? Then please consider joining our Grants Committee.

Our Grants Committee plays a vital role in helping to decide where our grants are awarded. We have two voluntary positions available. Please do pass this onto anyone who you think would be a good fit for the role.

[Find out more and apply](#)



Season's Greetings

To give your favourite charity a Happy Christmas, nominate them now for £1,000.

movementforgood.com

Designed by a colleague within the Benefact family

Nominate the National Churches Trust for additional Christmas funding

The Benefact Group are an international group of financial services businesses that gives all available profits to charities and good causes. They are generously giving out £1,000 grants to charities this Christmas. Please consider nominating the National Churches Trust for a £1,000 grant. In doing so, you will help us to support historic churches across the whole of the UK. It won't cost you a thing but could save a building loved by many.

[Nominate us for a donation](#)

More from churches in the UK



Thank you for taking part in 'Visit Your Finalist Day'

How great was the National Church Awards 'Visit Your Finalist Day'? It was amazing to see all the churches that were finalists and winners at the National Church Awards open their buildings to visitors on Saturday 18 November. A big thank you to all of the finalists and visitors who took part in the day and helped us to celebrate the work that churches all across the UK do every day.

We've changed our Privacy Notice

In order to give you greater clarity on



how we process your data, and more detail on the information we collect and process, we've updated our Privacy Notice. The updated Privacy Notice more accurately reflects the work that we do, particularly in relation to our fundraising. If you have any questions about the policy or would like to update your privacy settings, please contact us via info@nationalchurchestrust.org.

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