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The National Church Awards winners have been revealed

Dear Supporter,

We've been so encouraged by the nominations for the National Church Awards. From eco-churches to community cafés, running tower tours to hosting festivals and concerts, the finalists for the National Church Awards make an inspirational and diverse list. There are also churches that have carried out impressive maintenance work in order to keep their buildings in brilliant condition, so that they can continue to be used by everyone.

And – on Monday 6 November – [we got to find out who the winners were!](#)

The event was a wonderful reminder that churches are active across the UK in using their buildings to bring communities together and in helping them to thrive.

Congratulations to all our winners, as well as everyone who strives to help their local church to be the star of their community.

If – like us – you'd like to continue the celebrations, then why not visit one of the winners or finalists through our Visit Your Finalist Day on Saturday 18 November? All of the churches will be unlocked, ready for you to explore these beautiful buildings and the heritage inside. You can find out more about this new event below.

Best wishes,

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Claire Walker

Chief Executive

The National Church Awards 2023



Your Awards round-up

Over 200 churches were nominated this year for the National Church Awards from across the UK, from which a judging panel selected the 45 finalists. There have been churches, chapels and meeting houses of all different sizes, styles and traditions, all showing that they do amazing things.

[Find out who the winners were and watch the event back](#)



Visit Your Finalist Day: how to visit a winning church

On Saturday 18 November, all our winners and finalists from the National Church Awards will have their doors unlocked, ready for you to visit and explore their beautiful buildings. With 45 churches and chapels – spread right across the UK – why not pick one (or more) to visit?

[Find a church to visit](#)

Prepare for a magical Christmas with the National Churches Trust



Get your ticket for our *Carols by Candlelight* Christmas concert

Be transported into a winter wonderland with your favourite festive carols, as well as music and readings from Michael Palin, Joe Stilgoe and Bill Bryson. This year's *Carols by Candlelight* is on Thursday 14 December, 7pm-9pm at Grosvenor Chapel in Mayfair, London, and you're invited.

You may recognise Grosvenor Chapel from Richard Curtis' hit Christmas film, *Love Actually*. This elegant church presents an outwardly simple design of brick and stone edging, with a church steeple and a clock in the centre. But inside this 18th century wonder, you'll find a stunning mainly white interior and an 18th century-style organ.

All the proceeds raised from the event will go towards keeping churches in the UK open and in use.

[Get your ticket now](#)

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



Order a pack of Christmas Cards and help support struggling churches

We're selling Christmas Cards for you to send to your friends and family this festive season. The cards come in packs of ten and cost just £4.99. Five of the cards feature this picture of Currie Kirk Parish Church, Midlothian, Scotland and the other five feature a beautiful winter photo of Braithwell St

James Church in South Yorkshire. The greeting inside reads: With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Every purchase will help us to support churches to be well maintained and open for all.

[Order your Christmas Cards](#)



Gregoriana at Dorchester Abbey

Our friends at the Churches Conservation Trust are holding a festive evening at Dorchester Abbey in Oxfordshire at 7pm on 4 December 2023. There will be time to take in the breathtaking surroundings of the abbey and enjoy a glass of wine before listening to a performance from the Gregoriana choir. Tickets are £19.50 and will raise money for the roof appeal at the nearby St Bartholomew's Church in Lower Basildon.

[Get your ticket here](#)

News and updates



Up to 19 churches set to close in Wigan

At the National Churches Trust, we want to keep churches open and in use and are working hard to find ways to support churches to have a sustainable future. Read our response to the news of the planned church closures in Wigan and how we're investing in the North West.

[Read more](#)



Historic England publishes new Heritage at Risk Register

The 2023 Heritage at Risk Register was released by Historic England on Thursday 9 November and gives a snapshot of historic places in England at risk of being lost.

We were pleased to see Newport Minster listed as one of the 29 churches that have been removed from the list since 2022. [You may remember that we were able to award Newport Minster a £612,000 Heritage Stimulus Fund grant](#) – enabling them to carry out urgent repairs to their building.

However, 934 listed churches are listed among the most endangered historic buildings in England, highlighting why our work to keep the UK's historic churches well maintained is as important as ever.

[Find out more](#)



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