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## Good news: 33 churches saved for the future

Dear Supporter,

We're delighted to share with you that we've been able to award £473,750 to thirty-three churches to keep them open and in good repair.

Phillipa Cook, the PCC Secretary and Project Coordinator from Great Brickhall St Mary the Virgin Church in Buckinghamshire shared with us just what a grant from us has meant for their Grade II Listed church, where the roof is failing.

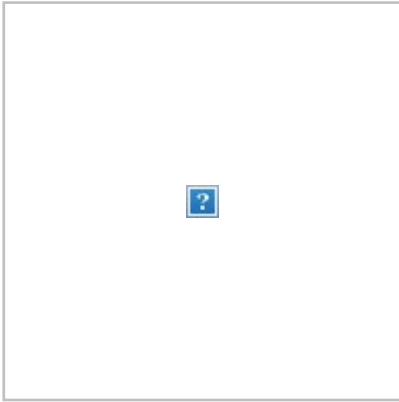
"A number of ceiling panels are at risk of collapsing; one already having done so. Any delay with the work would result in further damage and increase the possibility of having to close the church and suspend all services and activities."

You can [read more about the churches we've been able to help here](#), which also includes an interactive map.

So many churches – like St Mary the Virgin – are facing severe challenges just to keep their doors open and we risk losing not only the precious heritage inside these churches, but also valuable community support taking place inside. Grants, like these, can help safeguard these churches for generations to come.

Whether seeking quiet reflection, access to community services, or a place to worship, the National Churches Trust helps hundreds of churches each year and with the support of local people, keeps them open and thriving.

Best wishes,



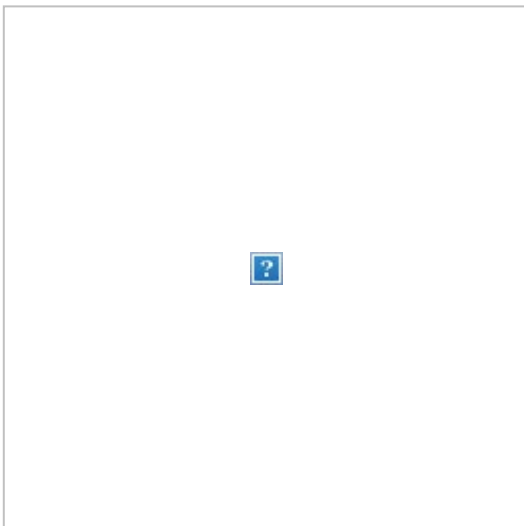
**Claire Walker**

*Chief Executive*

PS It's not too late to help. [Find out how you can help us to reach even more churches in need](#) by becoming a Friend today.

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## Latest news



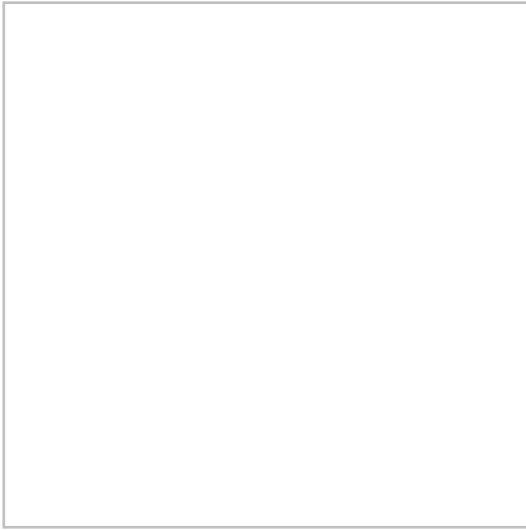
### **33 churches saved for the future by our latest grants**

In our latest round of funding, we awarded more than £450,000 to thirty-three churches. Through our Large and Medium grants, we have been able to reach churches across the UK with vital support, enabling them to keep their buildings well maintained and open for all.

[Read more](#)

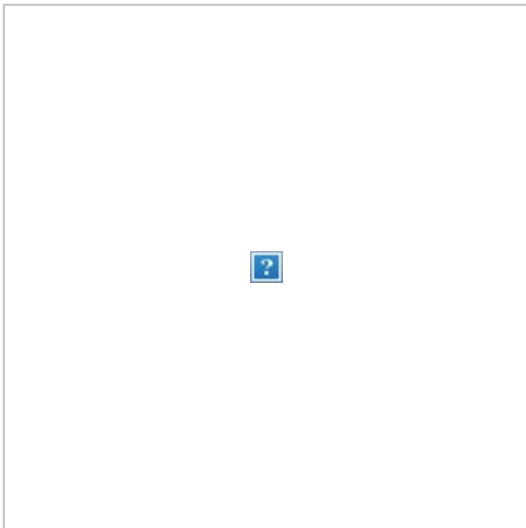
### **Find out who the finalists are at this year's National Church Awards...**

The judges had a tough time in shortlisting the entries, which came from wonderful churches in every corner of the UK. But we can now



share with you who made it to the finals. Find out more about the amazing churches that have been shortlisted, including some exciting details about what made their entries stand out to the judges.

[Read more](#)



### **...And make sure you tune in to see the winners**

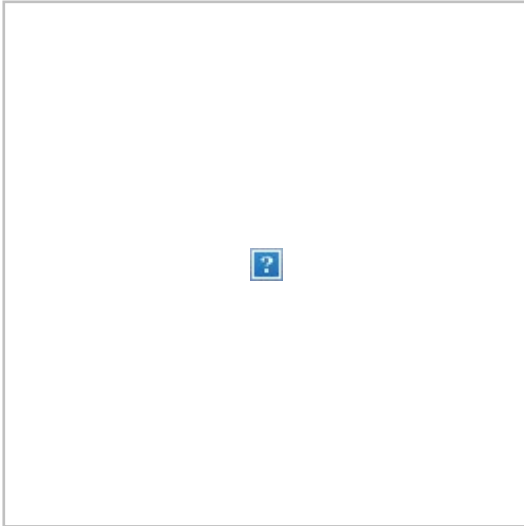
Now that the finalists have been unveiled, anticipation is building towards the awards ceremony itself, which takes place on Monday 6 November. Actor and comedian Hugh Dennis and Canon Ann Easter, former chaplain to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, will be presenting the awards ceremony, where the winners of each award – including the prestigious ‘Church of the Year’ – will be unveiled. And we would love for you to be involved!

We're hosting a free livestream of the event, which runs from 4:00pm-6:30pm on 6 November, so that you can watch the awards with us. Why not organise a livestream party and invite your friends and family to watch with you?

[Sign up for the free livestream](#)



## Upcoming events



### Just a few early bird tickets are left for Carols by Candlelight Christmas concert

Traditional carols. A brilliant brass band. Mince pies and singing, refreshments and festivity.

You're invited to our annual Carols by Candlelight concert on Thursday 14 December, 7pm-9pm at Grosvenor Chapel in Mayfair, London.

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.

The first 100 tickets were selling at an early bird rate of only £30, which includes refreshments. These are nearly sold out, so get yours before the price increases.

[Get your ticket now](#)



### We have five Carols by Candlelight tickets to give away!

We're giving away five free tickets to our Carols by Candlelight Christmas concert. And it couldn't be easier to enter!

All you need to do is click the link below and submit your name and email address. We'll then choose five winners

at random, who will get a ticket to our wonderful festive concert.

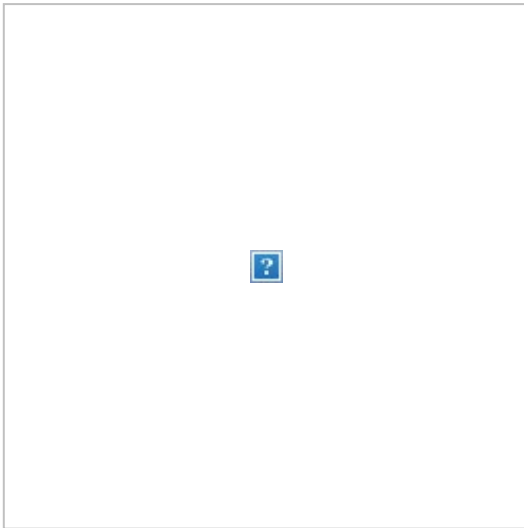
Don't worry if you've already bought your ticket. You can still enter and receive a full refund if you win.

The giveaway closes on Friday 17 November and the winners will be notified the week following this.

[Enter the prize draw](#)

[You can read our terms and conditions for the giveaway here](#)

## Can you help us?



### **We want to reach more churches in Scotland, Wales and North West England**

Our Cherish project is now up and running. In Scotland, Wales and North West England (Cumbria, Lancashire and Greater Manchester), our new support officers are on the ground working to support churches. If you live in one of these areas and are part of, or know a church that needs help, please do let them know about Cherish.

- [Support in Scotland](#)
- [Support in Wales](#)
- [Support in Cumbria, Lancashire or Greater Manchester](#)

### **We're hiring. Can you help us find a Social Media and Content Producer?**

We have an exciting opening in our

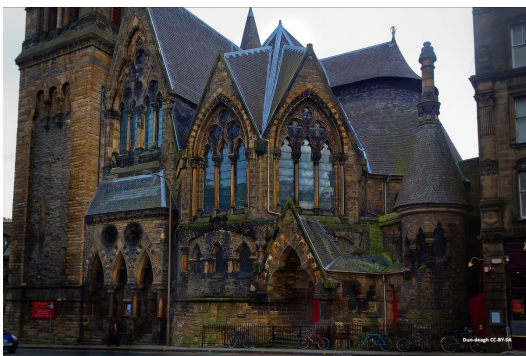


Communications Team for a part time Social Media and Content Producer that will help us to protect important heritage – keeping it safe and open for generations to come.

This is a key role and will be responsible for sourcing, writing, and producing engaging and compelling content for our social media channels, as well as providing content support on key campaigns or events.

Please do share this with your networks and people who you think will be a good fit for the role.

[Find out more about the role and apply](#)



## **Discover Hallowed Scotland**

Scotland's sacred heritage stretches back thousands of years. Mysterious standing stones, rugged fortresses and industrial engineering all sit side by side with churches, chapels and meeting houses in this wondrous land. Discover places of worship to visit in Scotland with our helpful guide.

[Read our guide to Scottish churches](#)



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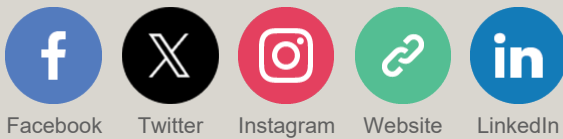
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