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Every Church Counts – how you can make a difference

Dear Supporter,

Churches, chapels and meeting houses are some of the UK's most important heritage. But, today, they are at risk as never before. 3,500 churches have closed in the last decade alone.

This is why we have launched *Every Church Counts*. This six-point plan outlines how the UK Government, denominations and organisations can work together to secure the future of church buildings. Your ongoing support has been crucial in making this campaign possible.

But the work doesn't stop there. We want to keep the conversation going. And your voice can make a difference.

You can [read more about *Every Church Counts* on our website](#), where you'll also find ways that you can help. Together we can save even more churches for generations to come.

Thank you as ever from us all.

Best wishes,

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

Claire Walker

Every Church Counts: help us to keep the conversation going



Find out more about our six point plan

With bills increasing, climate change bringing new challenges, and many congregations shrinking, the landscape for UK churches is uncertain. Hundreds of churches are facing closure, which is devastating for communities. But we have a plan. On Wednesday 24 January, we launched *Every Church Counts*, a six point plan to save UK church buildings, in the House of Lords. *Every Church Counts* is the starting point for a national conversation. And we would love you to be a part of it.

[Read the plan and find out how you can help](#)



Read about Every Church Counts in Country Life

Our new manifesto, *Every Church Counts*, has struck a chord across the UK, capturing public attention through radio interviews, newspaper articles and more. In a recent article in *Country Life* magazine, Architectural Editor John Goodhall named saving historic churches as “the greatest conservation challenge facing Britain in the early 21st century.”

[Read the article](#)

Explore places of worship with the National Churches Trust



Get tickets for our Liverpool Cathedrals tour

Photographer and author of *The Treasures of English Churches*, Dr Matthew Byrne will be guiding us around Liverpool's Cathedrals on Wednesday 1 May. Liverpool Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, together, represent the remarkable development of twentieth-century ecclesiastical design.

[Find out more and book your place](#)



Discover the UK's oldest churches

The history of churches in the UK dates all the way back to the arrival of Christianity in the 3rd century. Amazingly, some churches from the centuries that shortly followed still survive in one form or another. We have put together a list of places of worship that have ancient fabric over 1000 years old. All of these churches are remarkable survivors, and each has a story to tell. You can discover more about these historic buildings online or add them to your list for places to visit this year.

[Find out more](#)

Can you help us?

New blog series to help churches



We have launched a new blog series to help church leaders and volunteers learn from other churches about how to stay open and in good repair. You'll find a new blog each month on our website.

[Our latest blog takes us to St Michael's Church in Llanfihangel y Creuddyn, Wales.](#) Peter Garson, from St Michael's, shares how getting turned down for a large grant ended up being the best thing for the church and the local community.

Please share this new blog series with your church networks, to help us reach even more places of worship with tips and advice.



Does your church have spring flowers?

Every Spring, churchyards around the UK sparkle with colour as flowers come into bloom. It is a beautiful annual spectacle, as delicate snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils stand boldly amongst centuries old stone. As these plants come to life over the coming weeks, we'll be sharing churches with flowers through our online map and gallery. So, if your local church has spring flowers, we'd love to hear from you and to see any pictures you've taken.

[Explore churches with spring flowers](#)

[If you know of a churchyard that we should include, please email us.](#)



Your Last Chances Churches update

Our *Last Chance Churches* appeal is now entering its final weeks. Thank you to those who have donated so far. The funding raised to save these 18 historic churches will have a huge impact on the communities that they serve.



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