



CHURCH HERITAGE

News from the
Church Buildings Team



St Peter and St Paul's, Watlington



**Welcome to the newsletter from the Church Buildings Team,
giving a quick overview of key information and updates.**

All the information in this newsletter is correct at the time of writing.
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the team directly.

TEAM UPDATE

Our team is a little reduced in size at the moment. Sue retired in February and Poppy is currently on medical leave; we send her our best wishes. Geoffrey is covering all of the DAC casework; if you have any queries please use the main DAC email address (dac@elydiocese.org). For any other matters, such as grants, please contact Holly. *Details on final page.* We thank you for your continued patience during this time.

Correction: the main image on this page was mistakenly labelled as St Mary's Whaddon in previous issues. It is in fact, St Peter and St Paul's Church, Watlington. Apologies!



St Peter, Old Hurst - Kevin Sims

GOOD NEWS

Grant Success for Leighton Bromswold

Containing one of the most complete sets of Jacobean pews and woodwork in England, this Grade I Listed church has received a grant of £79,000 to fund urgent repairs to the Nave, north transept and porch roofs. The funding comes from the Heritage Stimulus Fund, part of the Government's Culture Recovery Fund. [Find out more.](#)

A Blooming Success at All Saint's Longstanton

On the Saturday before Mothering Sunday, volunteers at All Saint's delivered a posy making workshop. There was a pop-up coffee shop to occupy parents whilst children focused on their floral creations. The churchyard looked fantastic with daffodils out and the day was hailed a success. It's a good example of how to utilise the existing skills (flower arrangers) you have to deliver new activities.

Unique Wooden Cadaver Conserved

St John the Baptist's church, Keyston is known as one of the 'Northamptonshire spires' despite actually being just over the border in Cambridgeshire. The rarest item in the church is a wooden cadaver, originally part of an early 15th century tomb; one of only two surviving examples in the country. The church is heavily affected by bats, thus the cadaver was in need of cleaning and a protective cover. The cost of the cleaning was met by [Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust](#) whilst the cost of a cover was met by the [Bats in Churches](#) project.

REMINDERS

Get Ready for Ride and Stride – 10th Sept 2022

One of the biggest fundraising events for historic church buildings is only a few months away. There are numerous ways to take part and if you cannot open your church on the day you can still support the event. Find out more: [Cambridgeshire](#), [Norfolk](#) and [other counties](#).

Please note: Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust are aiming to send the relevant paperwork to churches in mid-June.



St Mary's, Leighton Bromswold



Cadaver at Keyston church



Mother's Day Bouquet



St John the Baptist, Keyston



REMINDERS CONTINUED

Quinquennial Inspections

Please ensure that your Quinquennial Inspection (QI) is up to date, as well as your maintenance plan and logbook. If you are not sure when your QI is due, please contact Holly.

Insurance

As prices rise, it is a good idea to get more than one quote for insurance. The insurance companies which are specialists in insuring church buildings include [Ecclesiastical](#) and [Trinitas](#). Other companies may be available, but please check that the cover provided is appropriate.

Faculty (Amendment) Rules 2022

Recent amendments to the faculty rules come into force on the 1st July. One element of the amendment is the introduction of the parish to have due regard to advice from the Church Buildings Council on net-zero carbon. The CBC has provided a list of the core net-zero carbon guidance required to fulfil the requirement to have 'due regard' to it - [ChurchCare](#). Further guidance can be found on the [net-zero carbon church page](#). There will be an online briefing on these changes on Thursday 16th June, 4-5pm, which parishes planning projects might find useful. [BOOK HERE](#).

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Recommended Monthly Tasks

From [SPAB's Faith in Maintenance Calendar](#).

June

- Inspect all windows. Check the glazing, putty, lead comes and wire ties for signs of damage.
- Check timberwork for signs of rot including less accessible areas such as floor and roof voids, under stairs and in cupboards.
- Clear any dirt from condensation drainage channels and holes at the base of windows.
- Remove any vermin from floor and roof voids.

July

- Look at timber windows, doors, fascias and bargeboards. Check for cracked and rotten wood. Redecoration may be required.
- Clear away any plant growth from around the base of the walls and in particular from the drainage channel.
- Have the lightning conductor system serviced once every five years.
- If your building has a steeple, consider having it inspected by a steplejack once every five years.

August

Take a break!



GRANTS

Current Deadlines

June

6th - Norfolk Churches Trust

8th - FCC Communities Foundation

30th - War Memorials Trust

July

4th - National Churches Trust: Cornerstone

4th - Wolfson Foundation: Large projects

7th - Veolia Environment Trust

12th - Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

20th - The Steel Charitable Trust

August

1st - Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

10th - Screwfix Foundation

11th - National Lottery Heritage Fund

TBC Congregational & General Charitable Trust

22nd - Church Buildings Council (Stained Glass)

31st - The Georgian Group - Cleary Fund

31st - Mick George Community Fund

31st - William and Jane Morris Fund

Early September

1st - The Sharpe Trust

1st - The Prince of Wales' Charitable Fund

1st - Amey Cespa Community Fund

1st - The Swire Charitable Trust

1st - The Joseph Rank Trust

7th - The Idlewild Trust

7th - FCC Communities Foundation

Grants without Deadlines

All Churches Trust

The Archer Trust

BIFFA Award - Community Buildings

Church Buildings Council Conservation Reports

Garfield Weston

Geoffrey Watling (Norfolk only)

Henry Smith Charity

The National Heritage Memorial Fund - COVID-19

Response Fund (closes April 2023)

National Lottery Community Fund: Awards for All

National Lottery Community Fund: Reaching Communities Fund

National Lottery Heritage Fund: Grants for Heritage (upto £250,000)

Paul Bassham Charitable Trust (Norfolk only)

Suez Community Fund

Tarmac Funding

Tesco Bags of Help

The Barron Bell Trust

The Beatrice Laing Trust

The Bernard Sunley Foundation

The Clothworkers' Foundation

The Co-op Local Community Fund

The Foyle Foundation Small Grants

The Hobson Charity Ltd

The Jack Patston Trust (Cambs only)

The John S Cohen Foundation

The Rank Foundation Pebble Grants

The Round Tower Churches Society

The Swire Charitable Trust - grants under £25,000

TASC Grants

Virridor Credits Environment Co.



St James, Little Paxton

For advice on grants whether it is for repairs or new works, please contact Holly. If you would prefer to search for grants and receive more frequent updates on funding opportunities, you can register for free with the following websites:

- [Support Cambridgeshire](#)
- [Hunts Forum](#)
- [Grants Online](#)
- [My Funding Central](#)
- [Funds Online](#)

GRANTS CONTINUED

National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF): A Sign of Hope for Church Repairs

A year ago, the NLHF strongly suggested that it was no longer a funder of church repair projects, and that potential applicants should look elsewhere. For major repair projects, there simply wasn't anywhere else for most PCCs to look. More recently however, it appears that the NLHF have softened their stance and are helping PCCs to tailor their applications to meet both the needs of the parish and those of the NLHF. Engaging new audiences in heritage activities is still their primary focus, but projects which include major repairs are being supported. [More details are available on our website](#). If you are considering applying to the NLHF, please contact Holly for initial advice and an early steer.

Evaluation of the Grants for Places of Worship Programme

In 2015 the HLF (predecessor to NLHF) commissioned an Evaluation of the Grants for Places of Worship (GPOW) programme for urgent major repairs to places of worship

Despite the subsequent closure of the GPOW programme in 2017, it was agreed that the study would continue as planned, as NLHF felt that the Evaluation was 'relevant to the question of how best to support places of worship (POWs) now and in the future'. This was a four-year longitudinal study which studied 60 projects awarded grants under GPOW and 10 projects who were unsuccessful. The report was submitted to the NLHF in March 2020. [GPOW Report](#).

Allchurches Trust now the Benefact Trust

Same Trust, just a different name. "We continue to promote the Christian faith, supporting the repair, restoration, protection and improvement of church buildings, cathedrals and other places of Christian worship." You can read about the thinking behind the change of name here: [Benefact Trust](#).

Places of Worship Protective Security Funding

The Security Minister has announced that the Places of Worship Protective Security Funding Scheme has again opened for applications. Places of worship and associated faith community centres can apply for funding for a range of security measures to help tackle the threat of hate crime. This could include the installation of measures such as, but not limited to, CCTV cameras, security alarm systems and perimeter fencing to improve security protection at their site and help worshippers feel more safe. Further details of the funding scheme and how to apply are [available online](#). Applications can be made until 14th July 2022.

Suspended Grants Programmes

The [Tudor Trust](#) announced its closure to applications from new organisations in April this year. It will remain closed until 1st April 2023: "We are reducing our direct grant making in this way to create time and space for Tudor's staff and trustees to re-think how the Trust operates."

The [Jill Franklin Trust](#) will remain closed to church repair projects until at least December 2022. The Trust has decided to focus all its income to relieve poverty and distress among its clients, especially in the North East of England.



Hatley St George

ENVIRONMENT

Love Your Burial Ground Week with Churches Count on Nature

From Saturday 4th to Sunday 12th of June

Join in with this dedicated week to celebrate your burial ground! Caring for God's Acre have teamed up with the Church of England, Church in Wales and A Rocha UK for this special event focusing on local wildlife. Churches from all denominations are invited to use Love Your Burial Ground Week as a springboard to start recording the wildlife within their churchyards. For ideas and inspiration visit [Caring for God's Acre's website](#). During **Churches Count on Nature**, the [Church of England Environment Programme](#) are running a special series of webinars on different aspects of land and nature. Find help with biological recording, managing your grassland, find your faith in trees, hear from the Church Commissioners, learn about bats, oceans, growing food and faith, and far more.

Bats in Churches

Help the Project with a [Volunteer Bat Survey](#)

Are you willing to explore a local church this summer for evidence of bats?

If so, you can help to better understand how bats are using churches across England by taking part in one of our two surveys: Church Bat Detectives and the National Bats In Churches Study. You can take part in the surveys whether this is your hundredth bat survey or your first!

How the Project Can Help You - [main website](#)

- Copies of the children's book are available to buy now - The Little Church Bat. If you would like some to sell in your church they can be provided at a cost of £3.50 per book, to sell at £5-£7.
- Christmas cards (a bit unseasonal) are available. The project team can also create bespoke designs for your church to use on cards, mugs or anything else you think might sell well as a fundraiser.
- Holding a summer event? Bats In Churches may be able to run a stall or send an activity pack to use.
- Advice on managing bats and cleaning.

The Future of Heating in Historic Buildings Conference on 28th June 2022, Central London

This conference will provide a unique opportunity to learn about solutions to the challenges of heating historic buildings now and in the future. The range of speakers will cover aspects relevant to all historic buildings, and there will be a specific section on carbon reduction options for churches using oil for heating.

Tickets: £150 per delegate for the full day, including tea, coffee and lunch. [Book on Eventbrite](#).

Churchyard Conservation Schemes

Find out how to encourage wildlife and create beautiful, tranquil spaces in your churchyard. Visit your county wildlife trust website to find more. [Cambridgeshire](#) [Norfolk](#)



VOLUNTEERING

Building Volunteers

What has happened since the 2021 Buildings Volunteers survey? Well, the report has been widely circulated and has already been used to help inform national projects aimed at supporting church volunteers. Holly presented her findings at the HRBA's Big Update in March which inspired many discussions. In the Diocese, we are gradually updating and adding to resources, whilst a series of networking events and other opportunities are being planned. Many things have been put on hold until we have a new Archdeacon and the Church Buildings Team is back at capacity. The survey has however, made an important impact both in and beyond this Diocese and we would like to thank you again for your support. [Read the full report here.](#)

OTHER SUPPORT

Fundraising in Rural Churches - guidance and tips from Methodist Insurance for rural churches with small communities and few volunteers.

Fundraising Hub - advice and webinars from Ecclesiastical Insurance.

AHF - Shared Ownership Pilot Project

AHF are developing a pilot programme to fund consultant support around governance and legal arrangements leading to shared ownership and use of places of worship that enable both broad community use and continued worship. They have funding for two churches and would be interested to hear from anyone who might wish to apply. Contact Dr Kelcey Wilson-Lee FSA, Head of Programmes and Impactkelcey.wilson-lee@ahfund.org.uk

Anti-Social Behaviour - New guidance on anti-social behaviour, to help churches experiencing it.

Lead Roof Survey

PhD candidate Aimee Henderson at the University of York is conducting a research project into the history, significance and distribution of lead roofing across the country. The research will help inform preventative measures against lead theft. Please assist the project by [completing a short survey](#). No identifiable data of individual church buildings or whether they contain lead will be made publicly accessible.

Lighting Guidance Revised

The Church Buildings Council has updated its lighting guidance. The links have been added to the [Lighting page on ChurchCare](#).



TRAINING AND EVENTS

Plunket Foundation: Setting up Community Business Free Webinar 16th June

Are you interested in exploring how churches or church grounds are being increasingly used as venues by communities looking to set up businesses? Join this free webinar to hear from a Plunkett business adviser, a representative of a Diocese and from the Historic Religious Buildings Alliance.

Celebrate the Fens Weekend: 17th-19th June 2022

Security Advice for Everyone (SAFE)

The Community Security Trust is offering a series of webinars on many aspects of security, intended for places of worship and faith communities. Basic Security – 22nd June, 7pm.

Heritage Open Days (9-18 September) - Registration Open. This year's theme is Astounding Inventions.

TDR Heritage: training in undertaking heritage research projects

Online training workshops for anyone about to start a heritage research projects:

- Building Stories Workshop - crafting interpretation text for heritage projects - 23rd June.
- How to measure the success of your heritage project - 11th July

Bat Night at Watlington Church – 15th July. Details coming soon.

Church Architecture Awards – open for applications

Applications are open for the 2022 Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association/National Churches Trust UK Architecture Awards. Awards are for repair and conservation work and for new buildings, re-orderings and extensions. Closing date for nominations is 1 July 2022.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact Holly if you:

- have any problems with the links contained in this newsletter
- would like to be added to/removed from the mailing for the newsletter
- have information for the next edition; cut-off date 18th August.

All initial enquiries about works to your building or churchyard and queries about the faculty process or applying for consent should please be directed to the Church Buildings office via dac@elydiocese.org

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