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CHURCH HERITAGE

News from the Church Buildings and
Pastoral Team

St Mary's Whaddon



**Welcome to the newsletter from the Church Buildings and Pastoral 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.

COVID-19

For the latest information concerning church buildings and Covid-19 please visit the Church of England's website:
<https://bit.ly/36IUQK>

For more specific information about cleaning and disinfecting historic surfaces please visit:
<https://bit.ly/2IDWewN>



St Peter, Old Hurst - Kevin Sims

GOOD NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPWGS) Continues:

It was officially announced on the 3rd March that the LPWGS will be extended for another year until April 2022.

Find out more at:

<http://www.lpwgscheme.org.uk/>

More Grant Success:

Several more churches across the Diocese have benefited from the Covid-19 Heritage at Risk grant scheme, managed by Historic England. The original deadline for expression of interests was back in July 2020, but the full application process took longer than expected due to the high level of eligible projects. This fund, though limited to projects costing no more than £30,000, had a very welcome focus on capital works. Grants are helping to support a range of projects including roof repairs at St Peter and St Paul's, Watlington (pictured) and structural works at All Saint's, Croydon-cum-Clopton (read more at <https://bit.ly/3qAU1CY/>). A full list of all the successful projects will be published on Historic England's website shortly: <https://bit.ly/3dH4Y2f>

Launch of New Project for Churches and Schools

Have you ever thought that the stories your church buildings hold need to be shared? Do you wish to build better links with your local school and offer more opportunities for learning? Find out about a new project which aims to support churches and see schools using and engaging with their local church for a wide variety of curriculum subjects. Over the course of the next year, Ely Cathedral hopes to become a hub for learning offering training, resources and advice to help churches provide opportunities for schools. This will be particularly important in the recovery from Covid-19 as both churches and schools look for ways to support children and families. Churches are inspiring buildings, providing schools with local learning opportunities, whilst schools provide churches with a fantastic opportunity to engage with the wider community and increase support. View the event invite here: <https://bit.ly/2Zu99pC> - To find out more at the launch event on **16th March, 10:30am - 12pm** and get the zoom invite, please email Sarah Armstrong. s.armstrong@elycathedral.org.

Exciting Opportunity with the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CHCT)

Since 1983, the CHCT has awarded nearly £4million in grants and loans to churches across the county. Urgent repairs, vital roof alarms and other projects often depend on the Trust's willingness to be a 'first funder' to help attract donations from other organisations. The Trust is now looking to recruit a new Hon Secretary to start on the 1st May when the current post holder retires. In addition to general administration tasks, duties will include organising the annual conference and the popular summer tours. If you would like to know more about this role and the work of the Trust, please visit the website (www.camhct.uk) or contact the Vice Chair of the Trust, Canon David Pritchard (07470-072322). To apply, submit a letter of application (no more than 2 sides of A4) together with a CV giving the names and addresses of two referees, to the Vice Chair by email via dpp123@cantab.net. Preliminary expressions of interest will be welcome.



Ss Peter & Paul, Watlington



REMINDERS

Church Buildings Audit – still time to take part!

All churches in the diocese have been sent details about this audit; so far about 70% of you have taken part. This is fantastic, but we need more in order to capture the local knowledge that PCC's have about their buildings and their communities. Don't worry if you missed the January deadline as there is still time to take part.. Unsure about some of the questions? – just answer as many as you can. All the information you need and details of who to contact with any queries can be found here:

<https://www.elydiocese.org/church-in-action/reach-ely/>

Quinquennial Inspections

Quinquennial Inspections can continue despite the restrictions. Please make sure yours is up to date – it must be done every 5 years. This Diocese is one of few that pays for the cost of the inspection and report (flat fee of £600 per church). If you are not sure when yours is due, please contact Poppy. Further information about QIs:

<https://bit.ly/2UAIJRZ>

It is also important to keep your logbooks, maintenance plans and inventory up to date. Logbooks and maintenance plans are particularly important for keeping on top of maintenance and minor repairs.

Insurance – don't just auto-renew, try getting quotes from other insurers – it can help you to negotiate a better price with your existing one. If you do decide to switch, make sure your new policy gives you the same or better coverage than your previous one, particularly with regards to roofs and lead theft. You can contact any insurer to get a quote but those that are known to support church buildings include Ecclesiastical, Trinitas, Aviva and NFU.



St Andrew, Sutton in the Isle



St Peter, Cambridge CCT

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Have Faith in Maintenance

It really is the little things that make the difference, though it might not always feel like it. If your roof needs re-leading, or your tower is covered with scaffolding, clearing a gutter or replacing a slipped tile might seem a bit pointless, but it isn't. If you are unsure about where to start, who to hire or health and safety requirements, our Faith in Maintenance workshop can help. The award-winning workshop from the Society of the Protection of Ancient Buildings, was postponed in March 2020; it will now be delivered online on March 27th this year. Places have become available: <https://bit.ly/308C8jg>

The workshop will consist of a mix of pre-recorded talks available to view at your leisure, and a live session on Saturday the 27th, 10am-1pm.

Recommended Monthly Tasks

From SPAB's Faith in Maintenance Calendar - <https://bit.ly/2Kd2DPK>

March

- Check that eaves, gutters and downpipes have not been damaged by frost. Look for cracks and leaks in rainwater goods.
- Clear parapet and valley gutters of snow to prevent melt water rising above them and causing damp internally. Take care in icy conditions.

April

- Check the roofs for frost, snow and wind damage. Look for signs on the ground like broken bits of slates and tiles. Check for splits and cracks in areas of flat or sloping sheet roofing.
- Inspect lead flashings and mortar fillets at chimneys for signs of decay.
- Clear leaves and debris from gutters and rainwater pipes regularly. Cast iron gutters may also require repainting.

May

- Regularly clean out gully and drains to make sure water flows freely away from the building
- Make sure that windows and ventilators are operable so that the building can be ventilated. Lubricate door and window ironmongery and check security of locks.
- Have the boiler serviced, bleed radiators and ensure that the frost thermostat is operational.
- Clear away any plant growth from around the base of the walls and in particular from the drainage channel.

New Church Risk Calendar from Ecclesiastical Insurance -

<https://bit.ly/2MoH1By>.



GRANTS

For more advice on grants and lists of grant making organisations, please contact Sue or 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** - <https://www.supportcambridgeshire.org.uk/find-funding/>
- **Hunts Forum** - <https://www.huntsforum.org.uk/more-from-us/subscribe/>
- **Grants Online** - <https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/>
- **Funding Central** (closes on 31st March but an alternative will be available) - <https://www.fundingcentral.org.uk>

Please note that Diocese's subscription to Ely Fund finder has now ended. You can access a similar database via most County council websites, Support Cambridgeshire and Diocese of Norwich.

HEADLINES

National Lottery Heritage Fund: Grants for Heritage

Do you have a project that could involve more people in heritage? Could it improve your local area, develop skills or even boost the local economy? If so, The National Lottery Heritage Fund's (HF) Grants for Heritage could be just what you need.

'Grants for Heritage' is back, although not quite as we know it. In light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the HF has revised its approach to what it will fund in 2021/2022. While the strategic priorities of the HF are unchanged (nature and landscapes, community heritage and heritage at risk), some of the outcomes have been given higher priority than others, which means applicants will need to think more creatively about how to approach a capital repair project. Applicants are advised to read all the supporting information carefully. To find out more visit: <https://bit.ly/3002W5n>

National Lottery Community Fund's Regular Funds Reopen

After being paused due to the coronavirus crisis, the National Lottery Awards for All (for grants up to £10,000) and Reaching Communities (grants over £10,000) funding programmes are open for applications again in England. There are no deadlines; applications can be submitted at any time.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>



SUSPENDED DEADLINES

- Greggs Foundation – focusing on Covid-19 projects, particularly in North of England.
- The Prince of Wales' Charitable Fund - closed until further notice.
- The Idlewild Trust – priorities for 2021 due to be announced in Spring.
- ASDA Foundation – focusing on Covid-19 projects.
- The Foyle Foundation – all grants have re-opened except for the major capital requests scheme, which is unlikely to re-open before autumn 2021.
- The Rank Foundation Pebble Grants – priorities for 2021 due to be announced in Spring.
- Biffa Award: Partnerships Grants – closed until further notice.
- The Georgian Group: Cleary Fund - closed until further notice.
- The Jill Franklin Trust – closed until June 2021 for church restoration projects. The current focus is on Covid-19 related projects, especially in the North of England.

Current Deadlines

March	
5th	Amey Cespa Community Fund
8th	The Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust
12th	The Skinner's Company Lady Neville Charity
26th	The Worshipful Company of Glaziers
31st	William and Jane Morris Fund
31st	War Memorials Trust
April	
15th	Veolia Environment Trust
26th	On Organ Fund
20th	The Steel Charitable Trust
May	
1st	Screwfix Foundation
TBC	The Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust
7th	The Leche Trust
12th	Augean Landfill Fund
TBC	Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
13th	National Churches Trust: Gateway
13th	Wolfson Foundation: Projects upto £100,000
26th	Church Buildings Council (Organs)
28th	National Lottery Heritage Fund
28th	John Coates Charitable Trust
Early June	
1st	The Swire Charitable Trust - grants over £25,000
1st	The Joseph Rank Trust
1st	Norfolk Churches Trust
2nd	FCC Communities Foundation (formerly WREN)
7th	Amey Cespa Community Fund

Grants without Deadlines

Allchurches Trust
 The Archer Trust
 BIFFA Award - Community Buildings
 Church Buildings Council Conservation Reports
 Garfield Weston
 Geoffrey Watling (Norfolk only)
 Henry Smith Charity
 National Lottery Community Fund: Awards for All
 National Lottery Community Fund: Reaching Communities Fund
 National Lottery Heritage Fund: Grants for Heritage (up to £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 Hobson Charity Ltd
 The Jack Patston Trust (Cams only)
 The John S Cohen Foundation
 The Round Tower Churches Society
 The Swire Charitable Trust - grants under £25,000
 The Tudor Trust
 Virridor Credits Environment Co.

For more help with church finances, particularly during the current crisis, visit: <https://bit.ly/3s90oxN>

OTHER SUPPORT

Funding Boost for the Cinnamon Network

The Cinnamon Network will be growing their Recommended Projects in 2021 after being awarded a grant of £201,440 from the Allchurches Trust. Find out about their teaching and coaching programme, and broad range of replicable projects at: <https://bit.ly/3k0IFFF>

Community Businesses in Places of Worship

The Plunkett Foundation recently launched its new programme of support focused on encouraging new community businesses in places of worship. Funded by the Allchurches Trust, the two year project will provide the resources needed to encourage and facilitate churches to work closely with their wider community, so that more new community owned and run businesses can co-locate and operate within their premises. Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/2ZyycYB>

TRAINING & EVENTS

Funding Fair 2021: 24th and 25th March

This FREE online event is a chance to hear from a selection of key national funders. Organisations include the Tudor Trust, Henry Smith Charity, The Foyle Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, Grantscape and The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

To Book: [Community Matters Yorkshire news post \(community-matters.org.uk\)](https://community-matters.org.uk)

- Day 1 is specific to Yorkshire, but Days 2 and 3 are open to anyone to attend
- Each organisation has been given a separate zoom session, you will therefore, need to book separately for each session you wish to attend.
- This is a FREE event but donations are welcome to help with costs.

Faith in Maintenance: Saturday 27th March.

FREE online workshop to help church volunteers in Diocese of Ely manage maintenance and minor repairs: <https://bit.ly/308C8jg> - Places available - please contact Holly Isted to book

Caring for God's Acre free webinars available as part of the Beautiful Burial Grounds project. Find out more at: [Webinars – Caring For God's Acre](#)

Bats in Churches free live and pre-recorded online training and events.

<https://batsinchurches.org.uk/get-involved/events/>



St James, Newton in the Isle

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 list for the newsletter
- have a good news story or information you would like included in the next edition; cut-off date 17th May

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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