



CHURCH HERITAGE

News from the
Church Buildings Team



St Mary's Whaddon



**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

Last month we said Goodbye to our colleague Sue Dickinson, as she retired from her role as Assistant DAC Secretary and Grants Officer.

Sue had been with the Diocese for 6 years, bringing with her a wealth of experience working in heritage. She has helped navigate people through the consent process, assisted with grant applications and has been a pleasure to work with. We wish her all the best for the future. [Read more.](#)



St Peter, Old Hurst - Kevin Sims

COVID 19

The [Church of England Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance page](#) continues to be revised as circumstances change.

FIRE AT BEACHAMWELL

On the 2nd February we were shocked and saddened by the news of the fire at St Mary the Virgin Church, Beachamwell. Our prayers are now with the local community and those that loved and cared for this beautiful church. [Report on BCC News Norfolk](#).

REMINDERS

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 Poppy.

Examples of Church Building Projects

We are starting to collate brief summaries of completed projects relating to church buildings, in order to share experiences and help parishes across the Diocese. If you have recently finished a project whether it is major fabric repairs, wall painting conservation, minor window repairs, new works, a heritage event/activity or a churchyard project please get in touch with Holly. We only need a very brief summary of what you did, what it cost and which, if any grants you received. [Take a look at our first three here](#). This page will be altered in the near future as we are building a more user-friendly database, so if this link no longer works just search for Church Buildings Project Examples on our website or contact Holly.



St Mary the Virgin, Beachamwell



St Nicholas, Feltwell



St Peter, Cambridge - CCT

GOOD NEWS

Longstanton's Long Wait Over

After some 15 years of planning, negotiating and fundraising the church reordering project at All Saints Church has been completed. You can see what has been done by watching a [YouTube video](#) or reading the summary in our new [Project Examples section on the website](#).



All Saints, Longstanton

Doddington Church No Longer 'at risk'

A lead theft just before the first lockdown in 2020 put St Mary's Church in a vulnerable condition and a potential candidate for the Heritage at Risk Register. Fortunately, with support from the COVID-19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response Fund, repairs were completed, and a new roof protection system installed. Unfortunately, lead theft is still very much a threat to church buildings. Please ensure you take all precautions including installing an approved security system. [Advice from Ecclesiastical Insurance](#).



St Mary's, Doddington

Gorefield Roof Repairs Completed

In mid-January repairs to the roof of St Paul's Church were completed. The urgent repairs cost a total of £90,000 which was raised from a variety of sources including grants from the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and Garfield Weston. Find out more in our new [Project Examples section on the website](#).



St Paul's, Gorefield

Feltwell's Faith in Flint

The inspiring project to re-build a churchyard wall has finished despite delays due to Covid-19. Find out more in our new [Project Examples section on the website](#).

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Recommended Monthly Tasks

From *SPAB's Faith in Maintenance Calendar*.

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.

GRANTS

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](#)

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme Extended

The Government has confirmed that the LPWGS will be extended until the 31 March 2025. This three-year continuation is very good news and should enable for longer-term planning for projects. The LPWGS gives grants to cover the cost of VAT on repairs and other eligible works to listed places of worship. For more details, please visit the [LPWGS website](#).



St Andrew, Soham

GRANTS CONTINUED

No Change to The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)

In response to Covid-19, the NLHF focused on six priority outcomes during the last year. These priorities were reviewed last autumn and the NLHF has decided not to make any changes for the period April 2022 -2023. The focus is still on helping heritage organisations recover from Covid-19 and increasing inclusivity and diversity in the audiences they engage with. This doesn't mean that church repair projects will not be supported, but it might take a bit more time to plan the sort of additional activities NLHF want to see. For more details on the NLHF and the sort of church repair projects that are more likely to be successful, please [visit our website](#) or contact Holly.

Funding Week

A four-day event open to any organisation within Cambridgeshire. All events are free to attend and you can get involved in as many as you wish. Speakers include The National Lottery Heritage and Community Funds, Grantscape, Bernard Sunley Foundation, Clothworkers Foundation, People's Postcode Lottery, Easy Fundraising and more. Visit [Support Cambridgeshire](#) for details.

Introducing...

King's Lynn and West Norfolk CIL Funding

Groups and organisations, looking to deliver infrastructure to benefit the residents and businesses within the borough, are being invited to bid for CIL Infrastructure Funding. Funding between £2,000 and £50,000 includes projects which focus on community facilities. The next closing date is the 1st of August 2022. Full details on the [Council's website](#).

Suspended Grants Programmes

- Greggs Foundation – focusing on Covid-19 projects, particularly in North of England.
- The Jill Franklin Trust – closed until June 2022 for church restoration projects. The current focus is on Covid-19 related projects, especially in the North of England.

Current Deadlines:

March	
1st	The Joseph Rank Trust
1st	The Swire Charitable Trust - grants over £25,000
1st	Amey Cespa Community Fund
1st	The Archer Trust
2nd	FCC Communities Foundation (formerly WREN)
7th	National Churches Trust: Cornerstone
7th	Wolfson Foundation: Projects over £100,000
9th	Mick George Community Fund
12th	The Skinner's Company Lady Neville Charity
15th	The Idlewild Trust
24th	Veolia Environment Trust
25th	The Worshipful Company of Glaziers
31st	William and Jane Morris Fund
TBC	The Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust
April	
1st	The Prince of Wales' Charitable Fund
20th	The Steel Charitable Trust
29th	The Leche Trust
30th	On Organ Fund
TBC	The Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust
May	
1st	Screwfix Foundation
1st	Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
3rd	Church Buildings Council (Organs)
9th	Church Buildings Council (Church Plate)
9th	Church Buildings Council (Churchyard structures)
9th	Church Buildings Council (Brasses and metalwork)
9th	Church Buildings Council (Monuments)
9th	Church Buildings Council (Textiles)
9th	Church Buildings Council (Wooden objects)
10th	Screwfix Foundation
12th	National Churches Trust: Gateway
12th	Wolfson Foundation: Projects up to £100,000
18th	Augean Landfill Fund
19th	Congregational and General Charitable Trust
26th	National Lottery Heritage Fund
27th	John Coates Charitable Trust
Early June	
1st	The Prince of Wales' Charitable Fund
1st	The Swire Charitable Trust - grants over £25,000
1st	Amey Cespa Community Fund
1st	The Joseph Rank Trust
6th	Norfolk Churches Trust
8th	FCC Communities Foundation (formerly WREN)

Grants without Deadlines

All Churches Trust
The Archer Trust
ASDA Foundation: Green Tokens
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 (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
The Tudor Trust
Virridor Credits Environment Co.

For more help with church finances, particularly during the current crisis, visit the [Financial Guidance and Giving pages](#) of the Diocese's website.

VOLUNTEERING

Recruiting, retaining and re-engaging volunteers is becoming difficult for many volunteer organisations, including PCCs. The [CCVS offers workshops and networking sessions](#) to help groups, particularly in the Fenland area.

If you are particularly interested in the future of volunteering in this country, you might wish to visit the [Vision for Volunteering](#) website. This is a national collaboration that aims to create a long-term plan for volunteering in England.



ENVIRONMENT

The Beautiful Burial Ground Online Conference

Tuesday 15th March - £15 for non-members, £12 for members.

Caring for God's Acre invites you to an inspiring day discovering how to transform burial grounds into havens for people, wildlife and heritage. [Details on speakers and how to book.](#)

The Church of England's Net Zero Webinars

- 'Embodied carbon' from building projects,
- What's needed in practice to get to net zero? And what's stopping us?: Findings from the 'Wayfinder' project
- Environmental Fundraising topics, including a new session for more experienced fundraisers
- Repeats of three ever-popular Eco Church topics

All the details can be found in the [Church of England's Environment Bulletin](#) (to subscribe and receive it monthly, [go here](#)). There are also links to playlists of 2021's webinars on a host of topics.

Get Ready for the Great Big Green Week 21 April 2022

The Great Big Green Week is a nationwide celebration of action on climate change, taking place across the UK from the 24th September - 2nd October 2022, which falls during the Church's Season of Creation, giving Christian groups the perfect opportunity to join in.

This event being held on 21st of April shows how your church and congregation can take part.

[BOOK HERE.](#)

Churches Count on Nature

Saturday 4th to Sunday 12th of June.

Join in with this dedicated week to celebrate your burial ground!

Caring for God's Acre, together with the Church of England, Church in Wales and A Rocha, are asking churches to use Love Your Burial Ground Week as a springboard to start recording the wildlife within their churchyards. So, if you fancy running a wildlife spotting event in Love Your Burial Ground Week then please join in with [Churches Count on Nature.](#)

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](#)



OTHER SUPPORT



Welcome Resources

In 2019 the [Welcome Guide](#) was produced by the Growing the Rural Church Team at the Diocese of Exeter. It has ideas to warm up your welcome and show churches are open to all.

A Design Thinking Guide: How to think about changes in historic places of worship

The [Design Thinking Guide](#) is for congregations and groups who want to make changes to their church building in order to better serve their worshipping needs while also making their building available as a resource for the wider community. It was developed in 2019 on behalf of the Empowering Design Practices research project.

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 a good news story or information you would like included in the next edition; cut-off date 18th 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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