Helping your Church
&
MAKING A BIG NOISE!

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How can I support your church?
Where I can help

Repairs, maintenance and funding

Complementing and working with your architect/surveyor

Advice on organising projects and procuring professional advisers and other services

Advice on fundraising and grants – sources of funding and making successful applications

Helping parishes to share ideas and experiences
I have priority churches
And give support to the rest
VARIETY PACK

All churches and parishes/PCCs are not the same – I respond to the different challenges you face and the different strengths and capacity you have

Advice given -
General - events like this, website
Tailored for your project –
emails, phone plus visiting, meeting and talking plus supporting grant applications
Fundraising and grants

St Faith’s, Hexton is no longer ‘Heritage at Risk’ with the help of a range of grants and local fundraising.

https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/dac/fundraising-and-grants/
Fundraising and grants

This page gives information on fundraising and grants for repairs, alterations and additions to church buildings.

Information on sources of funds for mission, community development and other work is under Finance, Mission Resources and Trust Fund Grants.

- National grants
- Local grants
- Grants for specific types of project
- Landfill Communities Fund
- Diocesan Funding
- Grants for roof alarms
- Local fundraising

- Organising projects
- Training – information and events
- Learning from successful churches
- JustGiving
- Make a donation to the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust
National grants

The wide range of grants available – highlighted by other websites
Key national funders – Heritage Lottery Fund, Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, National Churches Trust, Church Care, the Allchurches Trust
Other national trusts – Garfield Weston Foundation etc.

HLF schemes:
Sharing Heritage (£3,000 to £10,000)
Our Heritage (£10,000 to £100,000)
Heritage Grants (over £100,000)

Note changes to the HLF and National Churches Trust grant schemes at the end of the year
Local grants

Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust

Other trusts and foundations with a local focus e.g. –
- Steel Charitable Trust, Gale Family Charity Trust, John Warren Foundation, Mrs B L Robinson’s Charitable Trust, The Luke Trust (NCT),
- Simon Gibson Charitable Trust, Salisbury Pool Charity
- Francis Coales Charitable Foundation,

Community foundations

*Does your church/community have links with trusts or patrons?*
Grants for roof alarms

The theft of metal roofs is the number one security threat facing churches – 10 churches robbed so far in 2018
Ecclesiastical Insurance approved roof alarms and markers such as SmartWater are the best deterrent and mean that Ecclesiastical’s church policies covering the theft of external metal will not be limited.

**Grants totalling up to £2,000 towards the cost of installing roof alarms will be available until the end of 2018**

These grants will be given by the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust (including for the Allchurches Trust).

The grants do not include maintenance and monitoring.

Details of the grants and how to apply have been circulated to churchwardens and are on the website.
Local fundraising

Your successful, engaging and fun ideas

Advice on local fundraising
Successful churches

What are our church buildings for?

One of our rural churches which is used widely is St Faith’s Church and Community Centre, which is one of many examples of the resourcefulness of rural congregations and those that support them. In 2015, the Quinquennial inspection confirmed that immediate attention was needed to repair the failing Chancel and Vestry roof and gutters, which were causing continuing structural problems to the Grade II* listed building, with damp and water ingress.
Developing and justifying your project to funders -

What are you trying to achieve for your church and the wider community?

How do you know that is the right thing?

What form will it take?

How do you know that is the best solution?
Fitting with the aims of funders –

Funders can give money for a range of reasons – religious, secular, heritage, community, tackling urban deprivation etc.

Check that your project fits with these reasons to avoid wasting time and make your case to fit with them

E.g. the Heritage Lottery Fund can fund improving the condition of heritage and helping people learn more about heritage – does your project do this?
**TOP TIPS**

There are better ways of making a case for funding –

Why your church is important – heritage, community, mission etc.
What your situation, problems and opportunities are
The negative impact of your problems including on the lives of people

What your project is
How it will deal with the problems and exploit opportunities
The benefits of the changes including to the lives of people
Why you need the money and their grant is right for you

Tell you story with conviction and enthusiasm! Yes we can!
2018 theme - Inspection and maintenance

‘A stitch in time saves nine’ – prevention is better than cure

Lack of inspection and maintenance can result in great damage and high costs

Lack of maintenance means that serious problems are masked

Inspections allow you to call in and brief your architect/surveyor

Mike will cover what to look for
Inspection and maintenance – the churchwarden and volunteers’ role

Understanding the building and how it works

Making regular checks and doing basic maintenance

Inspecting in the rain – does the water get away?

Clearing channels and gulleys

Clearing low gutters, hoppers and downpipes if safe (advice from Ecclesiastical, DAC, SPAB)

Observing cracks and fallen beetles

Checking the movement of gravestones twice a year
**Inspection and maintenance – the contractor’s role**

Twice yearly – November and May
ideal – a regular
arrangement/contract

Clearing all of rainwater disposal
system including high level valleys,
gutters, hoppers, downpipes and
possibly drains

Making a record and flagging up
other problems

Carrying out minor repairs at the same
time?

Other specialist surveys – below ground
drains, electrics, portable appliances (PAT),
asbestos, trees etc.
Past events

Church Maintenance Workshop for St Albans Parishes

Regular maintenance and how parishes and volunteers should go about it

14 April 2018 – St Andrews Church, Kimbolton Road, Bedford MK40 2PF

Programme and presentations by James Innerdale (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings) – Introduction, Maintenance, Managing Maintenance and Baseline Survey and Maintenance Plans

For information on SPAB’s Faith in Maintenance and Maintenance Co-operatives Project click here
And coming up ...

A workshop on maintenance by contractors planned for October/November – ‘traditional’ and ‘online’ - MaintenanceBooker

More information on maintenance to be added to our website www.stalbans.anglican.org under Church Buildings/Fundraising and Grants

Ask us for contact details of maintenance contractors
Further work ...

Greensand Country Landscape Partnership:
Church wall repairs and walking and cycling routes

Open and welcoming churches

Choosing and telling your story and making a song and dance about it ...
MAKE A BIG NOISE!

Your church is valuable and has engaging stories to tell visitors. Win support from the parish, community and funders with enthusiasm.
Most churches are listed and the rest are important too

Parish churches have been called ‘England’s Finest Work of Art’

Three-quarters of the diocese’s churches are listed – many are the oldest building in a place

Unlisted churches are also architecture and heritage
Every church is unique and has its own story

The what, when, where, who, why and how of your church building

And the tale of the people of the church and local community through time
Churches are part of national and local history

Dunstable Priory was ‘witness to the start of the English Reformation’

All churches reflect changes that swept across the country

History links churches and communities

All churches have played a part in local history
Churches reflect the geology beneath our feet

They are focal points and part of our landscapes and townscapes – historic and modern
Churches display the fantastic skill and artistry of builders, masons, craftsmen and designers.
Churches matter to the wider community

Past and present connections to the place and its people stimulate and engage local interest

Important occasions and social events bring people together and are remembered
And finally churches are a place to gather and worship

The ‘House of the Lord’

The focus of faith and mission in the community

Church buildings support your mission

And your mission can be expressed and reinforced by meeting the challenges of care, repair and fundraising
Thanks for listening
And please get in touch

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