



National Churches Survey 2025

About the Survey

The National Churches Trust is conducting this important survey to help policymakers, the media and the wider public better understand the challenges churches face. Your response will provide essential evidence to build a clearer picture - to tell a stronger, more informed story about your church and others like it.

Please encourage others in your network to take part too. The more churches that take part, the more impactful it will be.

The survey is intentionally comprehensive and so it may be useful to have your church's financial details to hand.

You may exit this survey but if you do, it is important to resume it from the same device and you should then be taken to the next page after the one from which you left.

The survey is being conducted according to the Code of Conduct of the Market Research Society and your participation will be strictly anonymous.

Please answer as fully as you can. All responses will be treated in strict confidence and your answers will be anonymised and aggregated so that no individual church is identifiable.

The survey is being conducted by Whitestone Insight, a professional research provider and member of the British Polling Council.

The survey will be open until 30 June. If you have any queries about completing the survey, please email hello@whitestoneinsight.com or policy@nationalchurchestrust.org. You can also read our guidance here, including information about what is helpful to have to hand and FAQs.

On behalf of National Churches Trust, thank you for taking part. Your response will provide essential evidence so that together we can address some of the biggest challenges facing churches, like yours, and help ensure their future.

* 1. Please complete the following details about you and the address of the church building to which this survey relates. This is in case of any follow-up required and to send you a copy of the results.

Your Name

Church name

Church Address

Address 2

City/Town

County

Postcode

Your email address

Phone Number

* 2. Which of the following best describes your church building?

☐ Mostly Medieval or earlier (even if restored)

☐ Mostly 17th to 18th century

☐ Mostly 19th century

☐ Mostly 20th century

☐ Mostly 21st century

☐ Other (please specify)

3. Is your church building listed? By this we mean designated as holding national interest and heritage value: in England by DCMS; in Wales-Cymru by Cadw; in Northern Ireland by NIEA; and in Scotland by Historic Scotland. Please answer with respect to your main building.

☐ Yes - Grade I (England & Wales) / A (Scotland and Northern Ireland)

☐ Yes - Grade II* (England & Wales) / B (Scotland) / B+ (Northern Ireland)

☐ Yes - Grade II (England & Wales) / C (Scotland) / B (Northern Ireland)

☐ No

☐ Not sure / other (please specify)

4. Is your church building classed as a cathedral?

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. Which best describes the location of your church building? Please tick the one which best applies.

- ☐ Urban (over 10,000 residents)
- ☐ Small town/Suburb
- ☐ Rural

6. Was your church building purpose-built as a place of worship?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other (please specify)

7. In which part of the UK is your church building located?

- ☐ Scotland
- ☐ Wales-Cymru
- ☐ Northern Ireland
- ☐ England

8. If in Wales-Cymru, do you consider your church to be bilingual, both English and Welsh/Cymraeg

- ☐ Bilingual
- ☐ Welsh only
- ☐ English only
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other (please specify)

* 9. To which denomination or network does your congregation belong? Please select the option that best applies.

- ☐ Assemblies of God
- ☐ Baptist
- ☐ Bethel Community Church
- ☐ Celestial Church of Christ
- ☐ Church in Wales
- ☐ Church of England
- ☐ Church of Ireland
- ☐ Church of Scotland

- ☐ Congregational Church
- ☐ Coptic Orthodox Church
- ☐ Elim Pentecostal Church
- ☐ Free Church of England
- ☐ Free Church of Scotland
- ☐ Independent
- ☐ Local Ecumenical Partnership
- ☐ Methodist Church
- ☐ Moravian Church
- ☐ New Frontiers
- ☐ New Testament Church of God
- ☐ Non-Denominational Christian
- ☐ Orthodox Church
- ☐ Pentecostal
- ☐ Pioneer Network
- ☐ Presbyterian
- ☐ Presbyterian Church of Wales
- ☐ Presbyterian Non-Subscribing
- ☐ Quaker (Religious Society of Friends)
- ☐ Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG)
- ☐ Royal Peculiar
- ☐ Roman Catholic
- ☐ Salvation Army
- ☐ Scottish Episcopal Church
- ☐ Union of Welsh Independents
- ☐ Unitarian Church
- ☐ United Reformed Church
- ☐ Wesleyan Holiness Church
- ☐ Other (please specify)

10. Which statement most accurately describes your congregation's relationship to your church building?

- ☐ We own/are responsible for a church building and are the only congregation
- ☐ We own/are responsible for a church building and allow other congregations to use it
- ☐ We use a primarily secular building/room (e.g. a school)
- ☐ We are currently caring for a church which is listed as closed for worship
- ☐ We use a church building that belongs to another congregation* (please indicate below)
- ☐ * Which other congregation(s) use your church building?

11. If you meet in a secular building, what do you think are the barriers to your congregation taking on a traditional church building? Please tick all that apply

- ☐ Difficulty in finding a suitable traditional church building
- ☐ The cost of taking on a traditional church building
- ☐ We would not have the expertise to navigate the process
- ☐ We would not want to move from where we are
- ☐ We would like to move but not to a traditional church building
- ☐ Traditional church buildings tend to be too inflexible for our purposes
- ☐ We would be put off by having to negotiate with denominations in order to acquire a traditional church building
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. On average, how frequently are regular services held? Please count each individual service but do not include weddings, funerals, or baptisms. Services are any occasion of public worship, including those which may involve only a small number of people. Please count each service individually including if two are held on the same day (e.g. on Sundays).

- ☐ Four or more services per week
- ☐ Two or three services per week
- ☐ One service per week
- ☐ Two to three times per month
- ☐ One service per month
- ☐ Less than one service per month
- ☐ No services held
- ☐ Other (please specify)

13. Outside of services, other church activities and community activities, how often is your church building usually open to the public? Please tick the option which best applies.

- ☐ Not open other than for services and/or community activities
- ☐ Open only on request
- ☐ Open only at regular specified times; at least once a month
- ☐ Open only at regular specified times; at least once a week
- ☐ Open daily - daylight hours only
- ☐ Open daily - more than daylight hours
- ☐ Other (please specify)

14. How many adults aged 16+ and children / young people under 16 would you estimate typically attend your church in person at your regular Sunday (or Saturday) services? Please enter only numbers and if necessary write in an average for a typical service. Skip this question if you do not hold regular weekend services.

Typical number of
adults aged 16+

Typical number of
children aged under
16

15. Approximately how many people can be accommodated in your main church building at any one time?



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Section Two - About Your Church Building

Please answer as fully as you are able.

If you have a church hall or other facility that is not part of your main church site, please include that in your answers to the questions below.

16. Over the past five years, has the condition of your main church building:

- ☐ Improved
- ☐ Stayed the same
- ☐ Worsened
- ☐ Don't know / not applicable

17. What is the current condition of the following parts of your church and its surrounding areas?

	Good: No expected need of repair for at least the next 5 years	Potentially at risk: Needs repair within 1-5 years	Urgent: Needs repair within 12 months	Does not apply/we do not have this	Don't know
Graveyards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pathways and hard standings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building foundations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rainwater goods (e.g. guttering and drains)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
External walls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Windows (inc. stained glass)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Roof	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spire/ Bell Tower	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Internal flooring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Internal walls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wall paintings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plumbing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Heating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electrics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Areas containing asbestos	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Monuments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organ	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bells	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. In which year was your last Regular Building Inspection, e.g. a Quinquennial?
(A Quinquennial inspection is a five-yearly inspection of the church building,
carried out by a qualified Church Architect or Surveyor)

- ☐ 2025
- ☐ 2024
- ☐ 2023
- ☐ 2022
- ☐ 2021
- ☐ 2020
- ☐ 2019
- ☐ Before 2019
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Don't know / not applicable

19. How frequently would you say that normal maintenance (ie not major works) has been
carried out on your church buildings over the past 10 years?

- ☐ No maintenance carried out
- ☐ Maintenance carried out infrequently
- ☐ Maintenance generally carried out annually with more frequent work done as and when needed
- ☐ Maintenance carried out at regular intervals as applicable to each task (e.g. monthly lighting checks and annual servicing of the boiler)
- ☐ Maintenance carried out at regular intervals as applicable to each task, to a formal maintenance schedule as agreed with a qualified professional
- ☐ Too difficult to say / don't know
- ☐ Not applicable

20. Which of these facilities does your church have? (do not include toilets solely available to clergy and/or staff) Please indicate all that apply:

- ☐ Mains electricity
- ☐ Mains water
- ☐ Wifi
- ☐ Contactless donations
- ☐ A fully accessible entrance (e.g. with a ramp or lift) or no steps
- ☐ Hearing loop/audio loop
- ☐ Signage for those with a visual impairment
- ☐ Servery/a kitchen with food making/storage facilities
- ☐ Tea/coffee making facilities
- ☐ Baby changing facilities
- ☐ Non-accessible toilet/s
- ☐ Accessible toilet/s
- ☐ Heritage information
- ☐ A shop/souvenirs for sale
- ☐ None of the above

21. Does your church have any objects or artifacts which are of particular artistic merit and/or national or local historical significance ? Please indicate all that apply

	Objects of artistic merit	Objects of national / local historical significance
Statues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carvings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stained glass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paintings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wall paintings / murals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Memorials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fonts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social heritage stories	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please write in the comment box below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please give a brief description of your items specified above:

22. Does your church (excluding the main church hall and ancillary accommodation) have a flexible open space to accommodate more than 50 people for meetings and/or community uses?

- ☐ Yes and we use it
- ☐ Yes and we don't use it
- ☐ No we don't have one

23. Many churches are limited in the activities they can provide. Which of the following may pose limitations to holding more community activities in your church building and/or church hall, if you have one? Please indicate all that apply.

- ☐ Our church building is reserved solely as a place of worship
- ☐ Lack of suitable space available for community activities
- ☐ Unsuitable access
- ☐ Lack of toilets
- ☐ Lack of accessible toilets
- ☐ Lack of heating suitable for community activities
- ☐ Lack of parking
- ☐ Lack of disabled parking
- ☐ Lack of facilities to make refreshments
- ☐ Financial limitations
- ☐ Lack of volunteer skills or knowledge
- ☐ Lack of available volunteer time
- ☐ Lack of interest from other organisations to take part in or run activities
- ☐ Lack of interest in community to take part in activities
- ☐ There are other facilities nearby which are more suitable for community activities
- ☐ Other (please specify)



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Section Three - Supporting Your Local Community

Churches contribute in many ways to their local communities, as a place of worship, reflection and social support. This section will look at the community activities that take place in your church building, so we can better understand how churches contribute in this way.

Your responses will be anonymised and used to help calculate the total contribution of all churches across the country. You will be able to see how your own community activity translates into economic contribution by visiting [National Churches Trust House of Good-Local](#) platform.

24. How many days per week is the building, including if applicable the church hall, used by other organisations, groups or individuals - for example conferences, exhibitions, birthday parties, nurseries etc?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ None / not applicable
- ☐ Occasionally / varies too much to say

25. Please indicate how often your church either hosts each of these activities or where members of your congregation give support to external events held in your church building and/or church hall.

If none of these apply please go to question 30, where you will be able to record any community activities that are not included in the list below.

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less often than monthly	No such activity hosted
Food collection/distribution activities including food banks, food collection, providing food to people in need, soup kitchens etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth groups (e.g. Scouts/ Cubs/ Beavers/ Guides/ Brownies/ Girls or Boys Brigade) or activities for young people (e.g. sports/holiday schemes/ after school clubs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for people struggling with anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, loneliness/isolation and other mental health issues, including counselling services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support for people with drug or alcohol addiction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural or educational purposes, including language or other teaching etc	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Music groups/choirs (eg bell ringing, organ playing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community groups, e.g. coffee mornings, warm spaces, mum/toddlers, over-60s, lunch clubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Debt relief and help with financial insecurity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. Please estimate the average number of hours in a typical week that the church building, including if applicable the church hall, is used for each activity:

Food

collection/distribution

activities including

food banks, food

collection, providing

food to people in need,

soup kitchens etc.

Youth groups (e.g.

Scouts/ Cubs/ Beavers/

Guides/ Brownies/

Girls or Boys Brigade)

or activities for young

people (e.g.

sports/holiday

schemes/ after school

clubs)

Support for people

struggling with

anxiety, depression,

low self-esteem,

loneliness/isolation

and other mental

health issues,

including counselling

services

Support for people

with drug or alcohol

addiction

Cultural or educational

purposes, including

language or other

teaching etc

Music groups/choirs

(eg bell ringing, organ

playing)

Community groups,

e.g. coffee mornings,

warm spaces,

mum/toddlers, over-

60s, lunch clubs

Debt relief and help

with financial

insecurity

27. Please give your best estimate of the number of hours per week that members of your congregation or external volunteers operating inside your church typically spend to help run each of these activities. For example, if two volunteers spend three hours a week on an activity, write in '6'

Food

collection/distribution
activities including
food banks, food
collection, providing
food to people in need,
soup kitchens etc.

Youth groups (e.g.
Scouts/ Cubs/ Beavers/
Guides/ Brownies/
Girls or Boys Brigade)
or activities for young
people (e.g.
sports/holiday
schemes/ after school
clubs)

Support for people
struggling with
anxiety, depression,
low self-esteem,
loneliness/isolation
and other mental
health issues,
including counselling
services

Support for people
with drug or alcohol
addiction

Cultural or educational
purposes, including
language or other
teaching etc

Music groups/choirs
(eg bell ringing, organ
playing)

Community groups,
e.g. coffee mornings,
warm spaces,
mum/toddlers, over-
60s, lunch clubs

Debt relief and help
with financial
insecurity

28. How many people typically volunteer regularly (**at least once a month**) to help run each of these activities?

Food

collection/distribution

activities including

food banks, food

collection, providing

food to people in need,

soup kitchens etc.

Youth groups (e.g.

Scouts/ Cubs/ Beavers/

Guides/ Brownies/

Girls or Boys Brigade)

or activities for young

people (e.g.

sports/holiday

schemes/ after school

clubs)

Support for people

struggling with

anxiety, depression,

low self-esteem,

loneliness/isolation

and other mental

health issues,

including counselling

services

Support for people

with drug or alcohol

addiction

Cultural or educational

purposes, including

language or other

teaching etc

Music groups/choirs

(eg bell ringing, organ

playing)

Community groups,

e.g. coffee mornings,

warm spaces,

mum/toddlers, over-

60s, lunch clubs

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insecurity

29. Please give your best estimate of the number of people who *attend, participate in or benefit from* each activity regularly (**at least once a month**). Do not include volunteers who are helping out.

Food
collection/distribution
activities including
food banks, food
collection, providing
food to people in need,
soup kitchens etc.

Youth groups (e.g.
Scouts/ Cubs/ Beavers/
Guides/ Brownies/
Girls or Boys Brigade)
or activities for young
people (e.g.
sports/holiday
schemes/ after school
clubs)

Support for people
struggling with
anxiety, depression,
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Cultural or educational
purposes, including
language or other
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Music groups/choirs
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Community groups,
e.g. coffee mornings,
warm spaces,
mum/toddlers, over-
60s, lunch clubs

Debt relief and help
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30. Are there any other community activities which do not fit into the above categories that you would like to mention? In listing these out please specify, if you can, their frequency, how many people attend, how many volunteers are involved and how much time you estimate is spent on the activities.

31. Given all of the above social care activities, other similar things your church does and volunteers who help at a church service - can you give a total number of regular volunteers (those who volunteer **at least once a month**)?

Please estimate the
total number of
regular volunteers

Please estimate what
percentage are part of
your congregation

32. Is your church regularly used as a base by other charitable or community groups (eg St Vincent de Paul Society) who also run activities elsewhere?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Not applicable

33. Do you feel your church would wish to do more to support people in your local community if the resources were available to facilitate this?

- ☐ Yes definitely
- ☐ Yes probably
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Definitely not
- ☐ Not sure

34. If you feel there is an opportunity to do more, what practical assistance would be of particular help? Please indicate all that apply:

- ☐ Financial support
- ☐ Information and advice
- ☐ Better facilities
- ☐ More volunteers
- ☐ Other (please specify)

35. Assuming a "visitor" is someone who doesn't regularly attend worship or any of the other regular activities that take place in your church or church hall, do you have any of the following to help estimate how many visitors you get? Please indicate all that apply

- ☐ Manual count at events and services
- ☐ Digital visitor counter
- ☐ Visitor book
- ☐ Tap to pay/donate point
- ☐ Infopoint or other digital visitor information
- ☐ We don't count the number of visitors
- ☐ The church is not open for visitors
- ☐ Other (please specify)

36. Please give your best estimate for the number of visitors who visited your church in 2024

- ☐ The church is not open for visitors
- ☐ We do not count the number of visitors / it's impossible to estimate
- ☐ 1 to 1,000
- ☐ 1,000 to 5,000
- ☐ 5,000 to 10,000
- ☐ 10,000 to 25,000
- ☐ 25,000 to 50,000
- ☐ 50,000 to 100,000
- ☐ 100,000 to 250,000
- ☐ More than 250,000
- ☐ Other (please specify)



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Section Four - Managing and Resourcing your Church

If any financial information for your church is only kept centrally or regionally, rather than at local level, please indicate this at the end of the survey and supply an email address for the person holding that information.

37. How many regular paid staff, excluding clergy, do you have? Please answer using Full Time Equivalent (FTE). For example, if you have 1 person who works full time, someone who works two and a half days, and someone who works one day the FTE would be 1, 0.5 and 0.2 giving a total of 1.7 FTE.

38. Please estimate the total number of hours spent per month by each of the following:

Paid clergy (including
house-for-duty priests)
at your church on all
church related
activities. If you are
between clergy at
present, please
estimate the number
of hours they would
usually do

Paid staff other than
clergy at your church
on all church related
activities

Non-stipendiary clergy
at your church on all
church related
activities

Volunteers at your
church on all church
related activities

39. Which factors do, or would, contribute to the successful management of your church buildings?

	This currently contributes to our church's success	Do not currently have this but feel it could be helpful	Do not currently have this and feel it is not required
Active body of volunteers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Active Friends' Group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Active management team	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effective leader	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paid employees (especially for administrative tasks)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adequate training and information (e.g. maintenance, project management, claiming Gift Aid)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A focus on prevention of repairs including a regular maintenance schedule	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good internal capabilities in financial management and planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please write in any other factors you feel are or could be important to the successful management of your church buildings:

40. Please indicate which sources of non-routine funding have helped you care for your building and keep it open over the last 5 years:

- ☐ Government (Including Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme)
- ☐ National Lottery Heritage Fund
- ☐ National Churches Trust
- ☐ Ecclesiastical charities
- ☐ Enterprise based income e.g. cafe, shop, 'champing'
- ☐ Major donations from congregants (over £5000)
- ☐ Gifts left in Wills
- ☐ Grants from your denomination e.g. Church of England Conservation Grants
- ☐ Local fundraising e.g. jumble sales, concerts events
- ☐ Local historic churches trusts
- ☐ National Foundations
- ☐ Friends Group
- ☐ Local giving e.g. general donations from congregants, and donations from visitors via a donations box or contactless machine.
- ☐ Overseas donations
- ☐ Donations from businesses
- ☐ Sale of assets
- ☐ Use of reserves
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☐ None of the above

41. Does your church have a Friends Group or equivalent?

- ☐ No and we have no plans to set one up (skip to next page)
- ☐ No, we had such a group in the past but have no plans to set up a new one (skip to next page)
- ☐ No, we don't have such a group but are thinking of setting one up (skip to next page)
- ☐ We have a Friends Group or equivalent and it is part of the church management structure
- ☐ We have a Friends Group or equivalent and it is a separate entity/charity
- ☐ Don't know

If you have a Friends Group or equivalent, can you tell us about the difference that they make

42. If you have a Friends Group or equivalent, how much approximately would you estimate they have contributed to the repair, maintenance and support for major projects for your church building in total over the past 5 years:

- ☐ £0-£999
- ☐ £1,000-£4,999
- ☐ £5,000-£14,999
- ☐ £15,000-£24,999
- ☐ £25,000-£49,999
- ☐ £50,000 or more
- ☐ Other (please specify)

43. If you have a Friends Group or equivalent, approximately how many members or regular supporters would you say it has?



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Section Five - Your Church's Finances

Besides the wider individual and community benefits brought about by religious attendance and community services held at your church, economic value is also generated by employing paid staff and procuring goods and services.

The aim of this section is to estimate the scale of this economic activity and to do so we need to know about your churches finances.

If you do not know the answers, or your church has accounts which are aggregated with those of other churches, please skip to the end of the survey.

44. What was the total income of your church in the most recent financial year? Please include money coming in from all sources and give your best possible estimate if unsure. Please enter a whole number with no signs or symbols e.g. 1350, not £1,350

45. What was the total expenditure of your church in the most recent financial year? This includes everything including bills, paying staff, carrying out repairs and maintenance etc. Please give your best estimate if unsure, entering a whole number with no signs or symbols e.g. 1350, not £1,350.

46. What was the approximate expenditure of your church specifically on maintenance and repair for the most recent financial year, giving your best estimate if unsure? We are aware that major repairs are less regular. If the last year was not typical in terms of planned repairs, please estimate expenditure for a typical year. Please enter a whole number with no signs or symbols e.g. 1350, not £1,350

47. In the past three years, please estimate what approximate percentage of your church budget has been spent on repairing and maintaining the church building. If you don't know the answer please leave this question blank.

0

50

100



48. What would you estimate is the total income per annum before expenses from external use (including hire) of your church buildings? (in £)

49. Approximately what percentage of your church's income would you estimate comes from external use and hire of the building e.g. hire for care groups, clubs and activities?

0

100

50. The Listed Places of Worship VAT Scheme enables VAT on eligible repairs and maintenance to be reclaimed. Have your church buildings benefited from this scheme? (Further details can be found at www.lpwscheme.org.uk)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No - We were not aware of the scheme
- ☐ No - We have not had any works that would qualify for the scheme
- ☐ No - The form was too complicated
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other (please specify)

51. Over the last three years, on average, what percentage of the annual total repair costs would you estimate has been met by your church's own funds? The person responsible for your accounts should be able to calculate this figure. Please include in this figure your own fundraising but not any external grants.

- ☐ 0 - 10%
- ☐ 11 - 25%
- ☐ 26 - 50%
- ☐ 51 - 75%
- ☐ 76 - 100%
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Does not apply

52. What actions have you taken to improve the environmental sustainability of your church and its buildings? Please indicate all that apply.

- ☐ Conducted a survey such as an energy audit
- ☐ Switched to a green energy tariff
- ☐ Improved the efficiency of the heating system and controls (e.g. new boiler, thermostats etc.)
- ☐ Switched to low energy lighting
- ☐ Carried out energy saving work to the fabric such as installing secondary glazing or roof insulation
- ☐ Installed energy generating technology e.g. solar heating panels, wind turbine, ground source heat pump etc.
- ☐ Took action to support biodiversity in or around your church building(s)
- ☐ Took action to reduce energy consumption
- ☐ Other (please specify)

- ☐ None of the above

53. How useful or otherwise would each of the following be to you in terms of enabling greater environmental sustainability for your church building(s):

	Very useful	Fairly useful	Not particularly useful	Not at all useful	Don't know	Does not apply
Financial support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information and advice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional expertise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More volunteer support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

54. Finally, do you expect your church will still be open as a place of worship in five years' time?

- ☐ Yes definitely
- ☐ Yes probably
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Definitely not
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other (please specify)

55. We greatly appreciate your assistance with what is a lengthy survey but recognise that you may want to qualify or contextualise your responses for your church's particular situation, so please use this space to write any additional information or comments about any of the areas covered by the questions.

56. Are you happy to be contacted by email in case any follow-up is required? If so please write in your preferred email address for any queries.

☐ No

☐ Yes (please write in your preferred email address if different from Q1)

57. Please tick if you would you like to receive a copy of:

☐ The full report when published

☐ Your own results in an excel or csv file, for future reference