

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 2026

Partnership between the National Churches Trust and the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association

Please read these guidelines carefully.

The closing date is Friday 24 July 2026 at midday.

We will award one winner in each category and recognise one or two highly commended per category.

You can find more information on the National Churches Trust website:
<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/impact/awards/architecture2026>

If you have any questions please contact sarah.crossland@nationalchurchestrust.org

The King of Prussia Gold Medal Award

The King of Prussia Gold Medal Award is for high quality church conservation or repair work. The award is made on behalf of the National Churches Trust and the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association.

Entry requirements: The King of Prussia Gold Medal Award is open to the architect or surveyor of any scheme of repair for a church or chapel of any Christian denomination in the UK, in use for regular worship, over one hundred years old.

The Presidents' Award

The Presidents' Award is given for the best example of a new church building or for extensions or internal alterations to churches. The award is made on behalf of the National Churches Trust and the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association.

Entry requirements: The Presidents' Award is open to projects at any church building of any Christian denomination across the UK. Projects are eligible if they have been completed within the last three years or after the Practical Completion stage of development.

Young Church Architect or Surveyor of the Year Award

The award is available to any architect or surveyor under the age of 40, who has been responsible for a shortlisted design for the King of Prussia Gold Medal or the Presidents' Award. Nominations can be made on both forms.

We had some wonderful submissions and brilliant winners in 2025. For inspiration, see them here:
<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/impact/awards/architecture-winners-2025>



Entry requirements

For the church architecture awards it is usually architects and surveyors who make the submission. If you represent a church, chapel or meeting house, please speak to your architect or surveyor about making a submission. Architects and surveyors from any church, chapel or meeting house project across the UK may be nominated.

If you win an awards you will be invited to give an online lecture, to EASA members and guests, about your scheme. We will also include your winning boards on the National Churches Trust website.

Please note that the submissions process may be different to when you last made a submission.

Please read the guidelines carefully and get in touch if you have any questions.

Making a submission

You can find the form to start your submission here: <https://forms.gle/S4oH2dfdGsgAXCoE9>

There is a short form to complete:

- Contact details for this submission
- Architect or surveyor details
- Church details
- Project title
- Short description (750 character limit which is about 150-250 words)

We will use the short description on our website, social media or press and PR coverage. Please make sure that this short description describes the scope and impact of your project clearly and simply.

Please let the church know that you are making a submission.

Make your submission by creating two graphic panels:

- Design your panels in landscape format, at A2 size
- Illustrate your project using drawings, images and text to communicate its ideas and qualities
- Submit the panels as print ready, high resolution PDFs (please ensure all text can be read)
- You can submit updated panels anytime up to the closing date (you can complete the form first)

Remember to show why your project is a great example of the high quality work celebrated by the awards, if you have used any innovative techniques and the impact of the work on the church.

- If your project progresses through the judging rounds you will receive feedback and be able to amend or update your panels at each stage
- If you reach the final round of judging, you'll be asked to print and send your panels mounted onto A2 5mm lightweight foam core board

To send us the PDFs of your panels:

- Please ensure filenames correspond to your project title so that we can match up files with forms
- You will be able to upload your PDFs as part of completing the form
- OR you can send your PDFs (or updates to them) via WeTransfer or similar to sarah.crossland@nationalchurchestrust.org

