

**70 churches and chapels in England, Wales and Scotland are set to benefit from rescue funding of £522,241 from the National Churches Trust, the UK's church support charity.**

### **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

Awarded in July 2017, 5 churches receive National Churches Trust Project Development Grants, a pilot grant programme offering awards up to £10,000 to support churches to become more sustainable through the diagnosis of issues affecting the church and through development of plans that will be implemented through an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, or other large church heritage funders.

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### **CUMBRIA**

**Alston, St Augustine**

**Anglican, Diocese of Newcastle, Grade II**

**£10,000 Project Development Grant**

Awarded a £10,000 grant to employ a project co-ordinator to engage with the community and prepare plans to adapt the church for community activities, including a toilet and kitchen and improved access.

### **DERBYSHIRE**

**Derby, St Thomas**

**Anglican, Diocese of Derby, Grade II**

**£4,000 Project Development Grant**

Awarded a £4,000 grant to engage a consultant for the church's business plan, to create a detailed plan and strategy for remodelling and refurbishment of the church in order to open it to wider community use.

### **GREATER LONDON**

**Clapton Common, St Thomas**

**Anglican, Diocese of London, Grade II**

**£7,500 Project Development Grant**

Awarded a £7,500 grant to help fund investigations into the poor condition of the church, to determine the scale of urgent repairs needed, and plan an effective repair project including a Historic Buildings Assessment.

### **NORFOLK**

**Thursford, St Andrew**

**Anglican, Diocese of Norwich, Grade II\***

**£2,500 Project Development Grant**

Awarded a £2,500 grant to plan the installation of a septic tank or drainage system, and design the conversion of the vestry or tower base into a disabled toilet and servery to engage with the local community.

**SUSSEX**

**St Leonard on Sea, The Greek Orthodox Church of St Mary Magdalene**

**Orthodox, Grade II**

**£6,000 Project Development Grant**

Awarded £6,000 grant to prepare for a major funding bid to fix urgent roof repairs. The church will be able to survey the roof internally and externally, and get specialist advice to draw up plans and specifications.