

93 churches and chapels in England, Wales and Scotland are set to benefit from rescue funding of £680,230 from the National Churches Trust, the UK's church support charity.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Awarded in November 2017, 8 churches receive National Churches Trust Project Development Grants, a grant programme offering awards up to £10,000 to support churches to become more sustainable to plan major repair and improvement projects, and to create the best applications to major funders such as the Heritage Lottery Fund.

CARDIFF

Cardiff, Trinity Methodist Church

Methodist, Grade II

£2,470 Project Development Grant

Awarded £2,470 grant to carry out a feasibility study and prepare concepts to improve the facilities, welcome, and access as a community centre.

DERBYSHIRE

Grindleford, Padley Chapel

Roman Catholic, Diocese of Hallam, Grade I

£6,000 Project Development Grant

Awarded a £4,000 grant to carry out a feasibility study and create a fundraising plan for urgent repair works, appoint an architect and project manager, and prepare a high quality application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

ESSEX

Loughton, Loughton Baptist Church

Baptist, Unlisted

£1,100 Project Development Grant

Awarded £1,100 grant to carry out a feasibility study for a soft play activity centre and social enterprise to be created in the church building.

HERTFORDSHIRE

Flamstead, St Leonard

Anglican, Diocese of St Albans, Grade I

£7,000 Project Development Grant

Awarded a £7,000 grant for investigatory work into the extent of roof damage, which will help to inform a strong application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

MID GLAMORGAN

Rhymney, Penuel Baptist Church

Baptist, Grade II*

£2,400 Project Development Grant

Awarded £2,400 grant to carry out a feasibility assessment, condition survey, and asbestos survey to highlight repair priorities and prepare for an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

OXFORDSHIRE

Swyncombe, St Botolph

Anglican, Diocese of Oxford, Grade II*

£1,848 Project Development Grant

Awarded £1,848 grant for a tree and arboriculture survey in preparation for the installation of a toilet with minimum impact to significant mature trees.

SOMERSET

East Brent, St Mary the Blessed Virgin

Anglican, Diocese of Bath and Wells, Grade I

£7,000 Project Development Grant

Awarded a £7,000 grant to plan a project to redesign the church building to provide much-needed facilities, including community consultation and hiring an architect.

YORKSHIRE

Womersley, St Martin

Anglican, Diocese of Leeds, Grade I

£2,792 Project Development Grant

Awarded a £2,792 grant to employ a project manager to develop a sustainable ten year plan for the church to carry out repairs and introduce facilities to provide a welcoming community space.