

The Worcestershire and Dudley Historic Churches Trust can only provide modest grants. In addition to your own parish fundraising efforts, you might wish to explore some of the other possible sources of funds for repairs.

A pdf copy of the information below, is available [here](#)

1 SOURCES OF FUNDING: NATIONAL

BENEFACT TRUST

www.benefacttrust.co.uk/which-grant-is-for-me/

The Benefact Trust exists to make a positive difference to people's lives by funding, guiding and celebrating the work of churches and Christian charities; empowering the most vulnerable and giving people, communities and places a renewed opportunity to flourish. It currently has funding streams for – community impact, building improvement, Methodist churches and the installation of roof alarms.

GARFIELD WESTON TRUST

www.garfieldweston.org/for-grant-applicants/how-to-apply/application-guidance

The Garfield Weston Foundation is one of the largest charitable institutions in the country.

It gives help to small local communities and major national organisations; it is prepared to consider applications covering a wide range of charitable activity. Recent funding has supported projects in the following categories: Arts, Community, Education, Welfare, Medical, Religion, Youth and Environment. It has been a generous friend to churches.

HISTORIC ENGLAND

www.historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/repair-grants

Grants only for urgent work to buildings on the Heritage At Risk register.

http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Grants_Places_Worship_England.aspx

THE JILL FRANKLIN TRUST

www.jill-franklin-trust.org.uk/church-applications/

The Jill Franklin Trust makes small grants (typically £500 – £1,000) towards the “restoration not ‘improvement’ [i.e. towards re-instating an historic feature or improving the condition of an existing historic feature] of churches of architectural importance (it stipulates that the church should have a half page entry in Pevsner’s Buildings of England series)” or be Grade I listed. It also stipulates that the church should be open to visitors *every day*”.

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST

www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/which-grant-is-for-me

The Trust offers the opportunity to apply for a number of grants towards structural repairs and other projects. There is also a Directory of grant giving bodies and other supporting networks on its website:

www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/building-maintenance/major-grant-funders

WOLFSON FOUNDATION

www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/funding-for-places/funding-for-places-of-worship

Anglican churches- see National Churches Trust who administer grants on behalf of the Wolfson Foundation. Non-Anglican places of worship listed as Grade I or II* can apply under Historic Buildings and Landscape funding.

COMMUNITY LANDFILL TAX GRANTS

www.entrust.co.uk

Under the Landfill Communities Fund the Government allows landfill site operators to contribute a percentage of the Landfill Tax they collect to Environmental Bodies to enable them to grant-aid projects that meet one or more of the Scheme's objectives or to grant-aid other not-for-profit organisations that wish to do so.

To be eligible to apply to a specific fund, your church needs to be within a set distance of the nearest operating landfill site. Not all landfill, operators fund church repairs and a community case needs to be made for most grants. So, check locally and try:

Veoliatrust.org - within 5 miles of a Veolia site

valenciacommunityfund.org – within 10 miles of a Viridor site

PRINCES COUNTRYSIDE FUND OR PRINCE OF WALES CHARITABLE FUND

www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/how-we-help/rural-communities/

www.pwcf.org.uk/apply-grant

The Countryside fund is open only to organisations in rural areas promoting the viability and sustainability of rural communities. There is an eligibility quiz on the website with the fund not always being open for applications. Small grants (up to £25k) may also be sought through the Heritage and Conservation stream of the Prince of Wales Charitable Fund (PWCF).

LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP GRANT SCHEME

<https://listed-places-of-worship-grant.dcms.gov.uk/>

This scheme gives grants covering VAT on repairs costing over £1000 to listed buildings used as places of worship. Currently scheduled to run to March 2025. You can also submit any one claim in any 12-month period that is less than £1000 but more than £500.

THE CLEARY FUND

<https://georgiangroup.org.uk/clearyfund/>

This is managed by the Georgian group and provides small grants for work on

Georgian buildings and features, including both churches and memorials. The Trustees

decide on grants (up to £2500) usually every September.

2 SOUCES OF FUNDING: LOCAL

W.A. CADBURY TRUST

www.wa-cadbury.org.uk/grant-programmes/

The William Adlington Cadbury Charitable Trust funds the Conservation of the

environment, including the preservation of listed buildings and monuments, in Birmingham

and the West Midlands. It may also fund social projects based in churches.

DROITWICH PRESERVATION TRUST

Gives grants for the repair of historic buildings, including Places of Worship, throughout

Worcestershire. Address: 2, Blackfriars Ave, Droitwich, WR9 8RQ Tel 01905 794735

Email: murrayc180@gmail.com

LASLETTS HINTON CHARITY

www.lasletts.org.uk/grants.html.

This gives grants (decided on a quarterly basis) to Anglican churches across the West

Midlands, including in the diocese of Worcester. Application form available via their

website.

THE OWEN FAMILY TRUST

The Owen Family Trust grants are available for the preservation of Christian and secular

historic buildings in West Midlands and North Wales. The Owen Family Trust, Mill Dam

House, Mill Lane, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 0NB. Tel. 0121 353 1221

email: owenmdh@btinternet.com

ROWLANDS TRUST

www.rowlandstrust.org.uk

The Rowland Trust exists for the advancement of the Christian religion. To further this object, the

trust deed empowers the Trustees to apply its funds "for the benefit of such persons who are

or have been engaged in full time Christian work as the Trustees in their absolute discretion shall

from time to time select. One area is the restoration and re-ordering of church buildings which lead to

an increase in community use.

3 FUNDING FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS IN A PLACE OF WORSHIP

CHURCH CARE

www.churchcare.co.uk

This particularly useful Church of England website has sections on caring for your church building, your church's contents and your church yard; it also has a section on developing church buildings.

The Cathedral and Church Buildings Division of the C of E administers a number of grants schemes. These support PCCs, Chapters and Friends groups in the conservation of churches, cathedrals and their historic contents. You can apply for grants for fabric repairs and historic furnishings and artworks. The website has some very useful information on how to go about fund-raising see: [:www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/churchcare-grants](http://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/churchcare-grants)

THE IDLEWILD TRUST

www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/our-programmes/

The Idlewild Trust is a grant making trust that supports registered charities, including Places of Worship, concerned with the conservation of objects and works of art.

BELLS

The Barron Bell Trust makes small grants towards the provision, installation, inspection, repair and maintenance of carillons of bells in “low church parishes” only. (It states that ‘high church parishes’ should not apply). Applicants should have raised in the region of 50% of the total cost of the project prior to making an application.

The Barron Bell Trust, c/o 71 Lower Green Road, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 4EB.

[Tel:01892 823289](tel:01892823289) Email: barronbelltrust@hotmail.co.uk

The Sharpe Trust The late Frederick Sharpe, FSA, was one of the world’s leading authorities on the history, technology, and music of bells. For many years he was a consultant expert on the subject and inspected many hundreds of towers and belfries. His will provided a sum of money and nominated a group of Trustees (the “Sharpe Trustees”) to hold and use the capital and income “in their sole discretion”. for the maintenance, repair, and restoration of Church Bells situate anywhere in England and Wales. Application form on website: sharpetrust.org.uk

The **Manifold Trust** now makes a block grant for bells to the National Churches

Trust so takes no direct applications.

The **Keltek Trust** helps churches acquire surplus and/or redundant bells to be hung for English style full-circle bellringing or can try to relocate any surplus bells. Contact: bells@keltektrust.org.uk

CHURCH FURNITURE

The Leche Trust -www.lechetrust.org- has the power to make grants for any object or purpose which is recognised as charitable. At present, it is the trustees' policy to concentrate their work in five areas, one of which is "the preservation of buildings and their contents and the repair and conservation of church furniture (including such items as monuments, but excluding structural repairs to the church fabric). Preference is given to buildings and objects of the Georgian period.

Church Interiors

www.sal.org.uk/grants/williamandjanemorris

The William and Jane Morris Fund is one of a number of individual funds administered by the Society of Antiquaries. The purpose of the fund is the protection of ancient buildings, with the stipulation that grants (£500-£5000) should be made only to works that are carried out in accordance with the principles of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB). In practice the income from the fund has been devoted almost entirely towards making grants towards the repair of church fittings. Preference is given to the conservation of decorative features, for example,

stained-glass windows, sculpture, furniture, textiles, monuments and tombs. Structural repairs and fabric are considered only under exceptional circumstances, for instance when in association with the conservation of a work of art. N.B. Repairs to bells or organs, alteration or decoration of buildings, electrical rewiring and the repair or installation of central heating systems are not funded.

Only buildings or monuments erected before 1896, the date of William Morris's death are eligible. Deadlines 31 March and 31 August.

See: www.sal.org.uk/grant/morris-fund-conservation-grants/

CLOCKS

The Church Buildings Council gives grants for the repair of church clocks:

www.churchcare.co.uk Tel: 020 7898 1874, Email: enquiries.ccb@c-of-e.org.uk

If your clock is Georgian you might try: The Leche Trust, www.lechetrust.org Tel: 020 8870 6233, Email: info@lechetrust.org

The Worshipful Company of Clockmakers may be useful source of general help and advice: www.clockmakers.org Tel: 020 7638 5500, Email: clockmakersco@aol.com

GLASS

www.glaziers.company.org.uk/conservation-grants/

The Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass (often known as the Glaziers' Company) is one of the historic Livery Companies of the City of London it makes grants available to churches and other public buildings exclusively.

for the restoration and conservation of historic and important stained glass. Grants are awarded by The Glaziers Trust, a registered charity which has two principal objects, which include -the restoration and conservation of historic and important stained glass.

HISTORIC IRONWORK

www.ironmongers.org/supporting-iron-projects

The Ironmongers' Company, as part of its charitable activities, works to promote the craft of ironwork. Support is given primarily for the conservation of historic ironwork or the creation of new decorative iron or steel work. Applications are accepted from registered charities and churches for projects in the UK only. The Company prefers to fund entire projects, or specific elements of a project. The majority of grants awarded are under £5,000. Grants are paid on completion of the project and must be claimed within 18 months of the date awarded.

ORGANS

The national Lottery Heritage Fund might support a major organ repair project if linked to Community use

The O N Organ Fund. The fund offers grants for the provision and restoration of pipe organs in the British Isles. Grant applications are welcomed before the closing dates of 31 March and 30 September.

The Secretary, 8 Old Bakery Gardens, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 8AJ

Email secretary@onorganfund.org.uk

www.onorganfund.org.uk

WAR MEMORIALS

www.warmemorials.org

The programme is administered by the War Memorials Trust. The scheme relates only to existing war memorials and includes conservation and repairs' No grant can be offered to support the creation of new war memorials or projects for which work has already started and/or is completed. Graves of any type are not eligible for support under any of War Memorials Trust grant schemes.

4 GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

www.hereford.anglican.org/parish-support/community-partnership/crossing-the-threshold-toolkit
Crossing the Threshold Toolkit – A community development approach to the use of

church buildings. This toolkit has been produced here in Hereford Diocese and is nationally recognised as good practice. It is a step-by-step guide to the development of your church building as a community space, covering things like proving a case, meeting community need, community consultation.

www.hereford.anglican.org/parish-support/community-partnership/mission-and-mortar
Mission and Mortar Toolkit for parishes.

www.parish.resources.org.uk

The **Parish Resources for Stewardship** website contains resources and advice for parish treasurers, project treasurers, Gift Aid secretaries and all those who have a concern for making sure the church has a firm financial base for carrying out its

mission and ministry. It includes advice on fundraising, Gift Aid, setting up a Friends scheme and parish giving. See the buildings section of the website.

www.spab.org.uk/campaigning/faith-maintenance

Run by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB)

Faith in Maintenance is an initiative which aims to help volunteers who look after historic places of worship. It does not provide funding but training to help you understand how your building works and how to solve problems caused by leaky gutters and blocked drains. Its training courses are free and are available to any volunteer who helps to look after an historic place of worship. It also has useful information on finding funding under its advice and guidance section.

www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk

This website allows you to find detailed statistics within specific geographic areas. This may be of use in researching the needs of your local community and also in backing up statements made in funding applications.

ECOCHURCH

www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk

The Church of England's national environmental campaign on energy efficient and other green issues.

Charity excellence – a charity that can direct (for free) bodies seeking grants to a wide range of grant giving bodies in their type of area.

Registered charity number: 1035156

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