



## Your support is needed ...

Please complete and return this form to the Secretary:  
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Payment (min £15) may be made by cheque, standing order, or online.

I wish to support the work of the Worcestershire & Dudley  
Historic Churches Trust by (Tick as appropriate):

- ☐ Becoming a Friend of the Trust
- ☐ Making a single donation
- ☐ Making a regular donation
- ☐ I enclose cheque / CAF voucher

Signature **X** ..... Date **X** .....

Title: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms etc) ..... Name: .....

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### BANKERS ORDER (Do not detach)

To the Manager ..... Bank plc

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Please pay to Lloyds Bank plc, Belle View Terrace, Malvern, Worcs  
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and Dudley Historic Churches Trust a/c 01166146

The sum of £ ..... (.....) (words)

commencing on the ..... day of ..... 20.....

and on the same day each month / quarter / year (delete as appropriate)  
until further notice and debit my account no.....  
with each payment made.

Full name (block letters) .....

Address : .....

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Signature **X** ..... Date **X** .....

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**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate**

Gift Aid is reclaimed by Worcestershire & Dudley Historic Churches Trust  
from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to  
identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

**In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:**

☐ I want to Gift Aid my donation of £..... and any donations I make  
in the future to the Worcestershire & Dudley Historic Churches Trust.

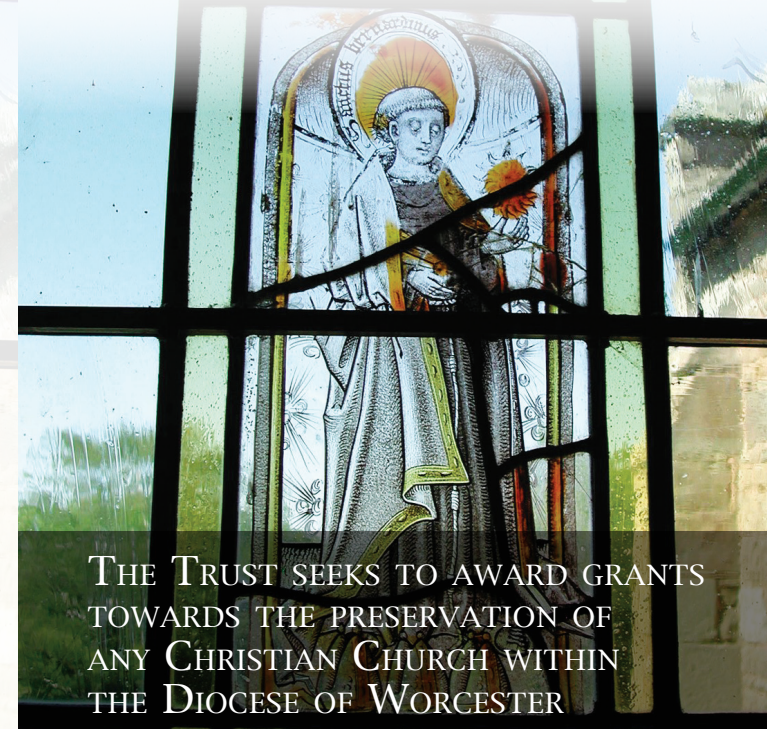
I am a UK taxpayer and would like the Trust to reclaim the tax on any donations I make now  
or in the future. I confirm that I will pay an amount of UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains  
Tax each year at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities that I donate to will reclaim  
on my gifts for that year. I note that other taxes such as Council Tax and VAT do not qualify.

## You can help ...

Each September the Trust participates in the  
annual Historic Churches Trusts Ride and Stride  
event, which has been a source of significant  
income across the years. We have also arranged  
occasional lectures, tours and other events to  
help with fundraising. We are now looking to  
widen the activities of the trust to a greater  
audience in and around Worcestershire.  
We have been joined by several new trustees  
and hope we can offer more much needed  
financial assistance to churches, chapels and  
meeting houses in the coming years.



**WORCESTERSHIRE & DUDLEY**  
HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST



THE TRUST SEEKS TO AWARD GRANTS  
TOWARDS THE PRESERVATION OF  
ANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH WITHIN  
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- The Worcestershire and Dudley Historic Churches Trust, founded in 1993, is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of churches, chapels and meeting houses in the historic county of Worcestershire and the geographical area of the Diocese of Worcester.
- These places of Christian worship from all denominations comprise over 300 buildings, ranging in date from the Anglo-Saxon period to the 21st Century, all of which are important in the lives of the varied and diverse communities in Worcestershire and the Black Country.
- Today, many congregations struggle to afford the repair and maintenance of these wonderful buildings, and look to the wider communities for support.
- Over the years the Worcestershire and Dudley Trust has made numerous small grants to assist with repairs, conservation, archaeological investigation, of historic places of worship, and this remains the focus of our attention.
- Grants from the Trust can also form the basis for obtaining match funding in applications for much needed aid from larger grant giving bodies.
- Developing our website has been significant in promoting our activities and providing information to those who look after our places of worship.

- 1 St Peter, Martley.** This very striking red sandstone church is mainly Norman, and contains a wonderful series of medieval wall paintings. WDHCT was pleased to give a grant in 2018 of £1,000 towards roof repairs.
- 2 Baxter Church, Kidderminster.** The local 17th century Puritan preacher Richard Baxter is commemorated in the name of this United Reformed church. The present church of 1884 is at the heart of this industrial town. Much needed repairs in 2017 have been grant aided with £1,500 from WDHCT.
- 3 St Thomas, Dudley.** The spire of the spectacular 'Top Church' can be seen across the Black Country. It was built in the early 19th century, and contains much ironwork in its structure. A programme of extensive repairs is ongoing, and there are plans to refurbish the interior to allow wider use of the building. WDHCT made a grant of £2000 towards necessary work including most recently improved roof access and repairs to the cast iron windows.
- 4 St Chad, Rubery.** One of Worcestershire's more modern churches, St Chad's was completed in and is a good example of 'Festival of Britain' style architecture. WDHCT gave a grant of £1,000 in 2017 towards replacement guttering.
- 5 St Kenelm, Upton Snodsbury.** The lime rendered tower of this medieval church on a hilltop is visible for miles. On a pillar in the south arcade is carved a small barrel, the 'rebus' of the Lyttleton family who held land here in the middle ages. The east end has been reconstructed as a result of problems with the site, and in 2018 WDHCT helped with a small grant of £1000 towards extensive rebuilding of the churchyard retaining wall following a collapse.

- 6 St Wulstan, Little Malvern.** Edward Elgar's grave here is much visited, but the church itself is interesting as a building that was never completed, perhaps because of the expense of building a chancel with undercroft on such a steeply sloping site. Erected in 1862 the church contains a finely decorated baptistry. WDHCT made a grant in 2018 of £1000 towards structural repairs.
- 7 St Denys, Severn Stoke.** This mainly 14th century church is prone to flooding. It has some good medieval stained glass and a window of 1937 by A.J.Davies of the Bromsgrove Guild. During the Commonwealth the minister is reputed to have been shot in the pulpit. WDHCT gave a grant of £1,500 in 2018 towards repairs to the tower.
- 8 St John, Suckley.** On an ancient site, the present church was completed in 1879. There is a Norman font and fine Victorian glass by Charles Eamer Kempe. WDHCT grant aided with £500 in 2019 a project to adapt the nave of the church for wider use by the school and community.
- 9 St James, Bishampton.** Much rebuilt by local architect Frederick Preedy in the 19th century, the church retains a fine medieval tower, Norman doorways, and a 17th century ironwork stand by the pulpit, which would have held the hourglass to time the sermons. The interior has been successfully reordered. In 2019 WDHCT gave a grant of £1,500 to help with repairs to the tower.
- 10 St Mary, Stone.** The presence of a medieval church on this site is reflected in the pretty timber framed church house by the gate. The current church dates to 1832, but contains a window commemorating Peter Collins the racing driver. WDHCT gave a grant of £1500 to help with roof repairs.

