

NATIONAL CHURCHES AWARDS

2024



22 October
The Chapter House
Lincoln Cathedral

From
HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO



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Welcome to the 2024 National Church Awards being held at Lincoln Cathedral. I'm sorry not to be able to join you this afternoon but I have no doubt that it will be an excellent event, as usual.

I should start by sending my congratulations not only to today's winners, but also those who didn't quite get the top awards, and indeed those many nominees who perhaps didn't make the final. I took a close interest in the judging again this year and it is clear to me that the standard remains extremely high.

Events like this remind us of the sheer number of volunteers around the United Kingdom and the enormous care and attention given by them to ensure, often in the face of extreme financial restrictions, that our churches, chapels and meeting houses are maintained. My thanks to these unsung heroes who continue to support our churches, to promote them, to champion the cause and to make it very clear to anyone who will listen that we must do all we can to continue to protect our rich and varied past.

It is also important to reflect for a moment on the sad loss of one of our long-standing Trustees, Lord Cormack. He was a man who certainly liked to "stir the pot" when it came to the recognition of historical people and places. He had a keen interest in numerous schemes, some of which I was involved with, and I remember that there was always an 'inflationary pressure' to his requests. When you thought he was asking you to visit only a handful of Cathedrals, a list of at least twelve would surely follow. It was difficult to refuse him, however, as his requests were always delivered with the delightful good humour and *bonhomie* that we all knew so well. His loss to the church and wider heritage sector is keenly felt.

I send everyone involved in today's Awards ceremony my best wishes for an enjoyable, rewarding and successful event.



HRH The Duke of Gloucester and Lord Patrick Cormack at last year's National Church Awards ceremony.

"I became conscious of the fact that we were not going to keep our great historic churches unless their often-small communities had real help." - Lord Patrick Cormack

Earlier in 2024 we lost an extraordinary friend of the National Churches Trust, Lord Patrick Cormack.

As a charity, we remain hugely grateful for Lord Cormack's support. His contribution, to the National Churches Trust and other heritage causes, has enabled so many churches to get the vital support they need to stay open and in good repair. He is, and will be remembered as, a champion of churches.

Lord Cormack served the National Churches Trust as a Vice President of the charity in its current form, and as a Trustee when we were called the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. In all, Patrick supported the charity for 52 years of his life, a marvellous commitment to our church buildings. He championed them in Parliament as an MP, and introduced a Private Members' Bill to provide state aid for churches.

He also joined us at events, on guided tours and at last year's National Church Awards ceremony. This year we are dedicating our awards to Lord Cormack, and celebrating volunteers across the country who, like him, give their time, skill and love to churches, chapels and meeting houses. We are delighted that his family have joined us to celebrate.



To honour Patrick, and those 52 years of service, we are founding the Lord Cormack Memorial Fund.

Please donate at
nationalchurchestrust.org/lord-cormack-fund



Your hosts



Canon Ann Easter

Honorary Associate Priest in the East Ham team, Newham. Former Chaplain to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Very Revd Dr Simon Jones

The 85th Dean of Lincoln Cathedral, installed in September this year. Former Chaplain and Fellow at Merton College, Oxford.

Hello and welcome

Welcome to the 2024 National Church Awards.

We are celebrating the dedication, care and impact of the people who care for the UK's wonderful church buildings and who share them with others. Whether that is keeping a church, chapel or meeting house well maintained, opening it up for visitors or running a community project from the building, we know that volunteers at your church are making a difference.

The awards this year have been inspired by the work and legacy of Patrick Cormack. A champion of church buildings, he dedicated his life to helping to keep them open and in use. We are delighted to be in the Chapter House at Lincoln Cathedral, a place he loved.

We're thrilled you can be with us, as we congratulate everyone involved in the awards and shine a spotlight on amazing churches, chapels and meeting houses right across the UK. You are all making such a difference in keeping these buildings alive for today; and also for tomorrow.

If you are not already a Friend of the National Churches Trust please consider joining today and tell your family and friends about our work. By partnering together, we can support many more church buildings from Land's End to John O'Groats, urban and rural, listed and unlisted to stay open and in use.

Thank you

Sir Philip Rutnam
Chair

Claire Walker
Chief Executive





Programme

2.15pm Welcome

2.30pm Care & Conservation Awards

2.45pm National Churches Trust
Friends Vote Award

3.00pm Church & Community
Volunteer Awards

3.15pm Architecture Awards
Lifetime Achievement Awards
Public Service

3.30pm Open for Visitors
Awards

3.45pm Church of the Year

3.55pm Thank you

Care & Conservation Awards



These awards celebrate the great care taken of churches, chapels and meeting houses across the UK.

They bring a human story to conservation and maintenance, which traditionally tend to be less visible when rewarding and celebrating what churches do.

The awards shine a light on the people, often volunteers, who look after local churches, chapels and meeting houses.

The awards will be presented by:
Shirley Adams, Trustee, National Churches Trust

The overall winner is

“A creative, sensitive and holistic approach to balancing the conservation, whilst allowing it to adapt, be self-sustaining and remain fit for purpose.”

From a Care & Conservation Award nomination

St Mary Magdalene, Geddington Winner in England

“For our volunteers the best thing is working as part of a team. Whether cleaning inside or working outside, the comradeship with a purpose makes for a special experience which also contributes to personal wellbeing.”

The church is over 1000 years old, with Saxon, Norman, Medieval, Renaissance, Victorian, and 20th and 21st century elements. There are a large number of volunteers, including Geddington Volunteer Fire Brigade.

The judges loved the spectacular volunteer involvement, the community spirit really comes across.



St Ethelbert, Larling Winner in England

“The best thing about being involved with the church is to see the joy that it provides to the wider community. Many have said that they would be devastated if the church was no more.”

The church is 12th century and has a particularly fine Norman arched entrance, which is probably one of the best in Norfolk. The church is not connected to power or water and is in the middle of farmland. It's open all year round.

The judges were impressed by how, for a very small community, a wide range of volunteers tackle both reactive and cyclical maintenance.



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Church of the Immaculate Conception, Strabane Winner in Northern Ireland

"We all feel an immense sense of pride looking after the church for future generations knowing that our work will be there long after we are gone. We get a sense of achievement through learning and passing on skills and making friends."

This splendid church stands as a beacon for community engagement, having systematically and professionally completed critical restoration tasks, as well as developing interpretation and a museum collection.

The judges were impressed with the specialist, comprehensive approach. The carbon literacy is excellent and they loved the volunteer upskilling.



"Really get the sense of the community spirit, even the farmers coming together with tractors to provide light."

*The judging panel about
St Ethelbert, Larling*

Special Mention All Saints, Fleet

The judges wanted to make special mention of the effort and skill shown by volunteers and specialists in repairing and restoring All Saints Fleet, after a devastating fire.



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Friends Vote Award

Through their support and generous donations, our Friends help us help us in our mission to keep churches open and in good repair..

Each year we invite churches to whom we have already awarded a grant to let us know if they still need additional funding. They each make a short film and Friends vote for their favourite.

Now the vote is completed everyone can watch the finalists films from this year on our website. If you'd like to take part in the vote next year, why not join us and become a Friend.

Join now at nationalchurchestrust.org/friends

Our finalists this year are:

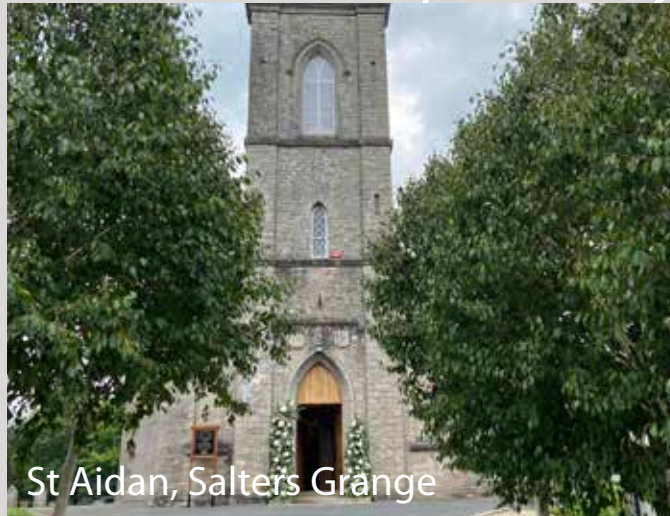
- St James the Great, Colchester
- RCCG King of Glory, Edinburgh
- St Aldhelm, Edmonton
- St Mary, Withersfield
- St Aidan, Salters Grange



St Mary, Withersfield



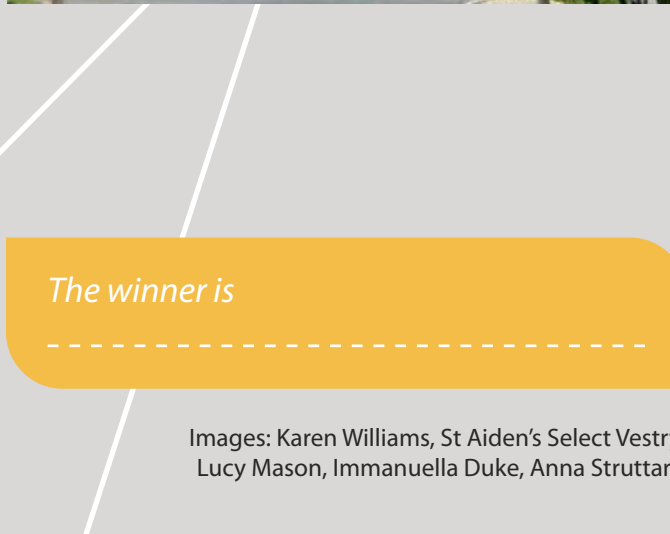
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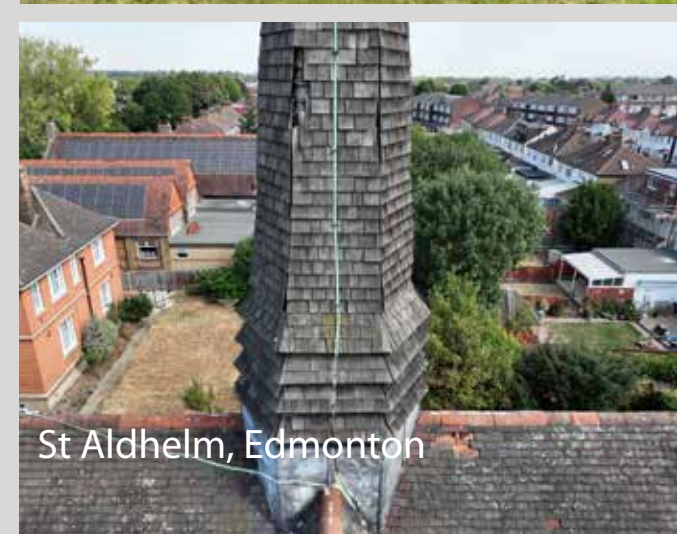


RCCG King of Glory, Edinburgh



The winner is

Images: Karen Williams, St Aiden's Select Vestry, Lucy Mason, Immanuella Duke, Anna Struttard



St Aldhelm, Edmonton

Church & Community Volunteer Awards

Celebrating the vital contribution volunteers make to both looking after and making the best use of churches to benefit local communities and people.

We're particularly excited about incredibly innovative and engaging activities which involve the wider community.

In partnership with Marsh Charitable Trust.

Presented by:

Mike Heyworth, Ambassador,
Marsh Charitable Trust

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The overall winner is

St James, Aslackby Winner in England

"Our affection for this well-loved building has not blinded us to the fact that it presents enormous challenges. Our church remains a spiritual centre but has been made accessible to a range of people and become a social hub. People are not intimidated by it but see it as a community place for learning, peace, hope, fun and activity."

This is a tiny, isolated village of 100 dwellings. The building was influenced by the Knights Templar, and has a simple, unadorned character.

The judges really loved the inclusiveness and celebration of diversity. The work with Square Peg dementia club is just wonderful.



Corpus Christi, Tremeirchion Winner in Wales

"Everyone can find their own role to play in our 'Forest Church'. Living in a beautiful part of the country, we encourage people to look after it. We have met so many lovely people, especially when newborn lambs and chicks came to worship!"

This 12th century church only has 12 regular attendees. Through Forest Church they attract volunteers and pilgrims, have fixed stiles and gates and cleared local footpaths.

The judges loved the language used and that such a wide range of people are involved. The church is truly and literally going out into the community rather than just inviting them in.



"It made me think of that gorgeous scene in The Vicar of Dibley, where all the animals come into the church and it's just beautiful chaos."

The judging panel about Corpus Christi, Tremeirchion

St Quivox, Dalmilling Winner in Scotland

"Being part of a wonderful family, seeing the difference it makes to people. Some volunteers wouldn't leave their homes if they didn't have the church community, it has given them confidence, purpose and improved their own mental health."

The church was opened and consecrated in 1953. Members get involved in everything possible, and their work has put the church back on the map as 'the hub'.

The judges were impressed by the level of outreach here, summed up by the church banner 'together we can do so much'. They base their work on evidence, knowing what will help.



Redeemer Central, Belfast Winner in Northern Ireland

"Gathering a diverse group of people to share food has been a privilege, developing friendships with folks we would not meet. Refugees, asylum seekers, the marginalised LGBTQ community find it hard to believe a church space is welcoming and safe."

In response to the cost of living crisis and the impact of Covid19 on mental health, the church established the Long Table. Every Friday night volunteers prepare a nutritious meal and eat with those who come to enjoy the community.

The judges loved that the Long Table gives people the confidence to help and guests become volunteers.



***"The
tangible
sense of love
in this place
is almost
overwhelming."***

*Guest at the Long Table, Redeemer
Central, Belfast*

Lifetime Achievement Awards

We are continually inspired by ordinary people doing extraordinary things to keep churches open and in use. This special award recognises a person or team's lifetime dedication to a particular church or to places of worship in general, giving care and love for more than 25 years towards this cause.

The judges were moved by all the nominations, and as a thank you for their service we are gifting them all free Friends' memberships of the National Churches Trust.

Some nominees still don't know they were nominated!

We will announce the winners in the room, one award for dedication to a single church and one award for working with churches across the country. Below is everyone nominated. To you, and to those who shared your stories - thank you.

- Bottesford: Lindon Batt
- Carreg wen: Beryl George
- Claypole: John & Gillian Padley
- Dalmilling: Pat Smith
- Grosmont: Jim Muir
- Hornsey: Nina Saint
- Northop: Sheila Wolstenholme
- Okeford: Mike & Anne Powell
- Peel: The Very Reverend Nigel Godfrey
- Richmond: Peter Bowyer
- Sharnford: Bill Higginbotham
- Southbourne: Anne Hartley
- Strabane: Reverend Father Declan Boland
- Talaton: Lady Anne Boles
- Thornton le Fylde: Thomas Pilkington
- Thurstaston: Graham Barley (deceased)
- West Rainton: Alwyn Barrass
- Whittington: Brenda Barwick
- UK & Wendens Ambo: Denis Dunstone
- UK: Trevor Cooper & Rebecca Payne

The winners are

Lord Cormack Award for Public Service



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Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay



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Sir Stephen Timms

To remember Lord Cormack, and in the spirit of his love of churches, this year we would like to commend Sir Stephen Timms and Lord Parkinson.

Stephen Timms' work to introduce the Listed Places of Worship Grants Scheme in 2004, which has allowed thousands of historic churches to claim back the full rate of VAT on repairs. Lord Parkinson helped to bring about the Cultural Recovery Fund, which delivered an unprecedented £1.57 billion package of emergency cultural funding during the Covid 19 pandemic and supported 165 church projects. Lord Parkinson was also an advocate of the Listed Places of Worship Grants scheme, which we hope will be renewed before the scheme comes to an end in 2025.

We are looking forward to a future where others continue in Lord Cormack's footsteps.

Church Architecture Awards

The King of Prussia Gold Medal celebrates high quality conservation or repairs. The Presidents' Award is given for the best new addition, including re-ordering, extensions or alterations. The Young Church Architect or Surveyor of the Year is given to an individual responsible for a scheme submitted.

These awards are presented in partnership with the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association. This year the winners will be announced at their AGM on 7 November, in London.

Finalists for the King of Prussia Gold Medal are:

- St Peter & St Paul, Blandford Forum
- St Anne, Bowden Hill
- St Laurence, East Harptree
- St Mary the Virgin, Stoke by Nayland

Finalists for the Presidents' Award are:

- St Mary Bourne Street, Belgravia
- Chalmers Church, Edinburgh
- The Lighthouse Church, Heswall
- All Saints, Newtown
- St Mary Magdalene, Tanworth in Arden

Finalists for the Young Church Architect or Surveyor of the Year are:

- Tom Griffin, Benjamin + Beauchamp Architects Ltd
- Luke Upton, Matthew Lloyd Architects
- Calum Paterson, LDN Architects



Blandford Forum



Heswall

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Tanworth in Arden

© MartineHamiltonKnight



Belgravia

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Open for Visitors Awards

Whether for quiet reflection, a warm welcome, a place to worship, or a space to explore with wonder, churches need to be open, loved and supported.

These awards celebrate churches where being open and welcoming is part of their ethos, and that encourage others to do the same.

Presented by:

Sandra Lynes-Timbrell, Director of Visitor Engagement, St Paul's Cathedral

Sarah Stewart, Trustee, National Churches Trust

The overall winner is

St Nicholas, Berden Winner in England

"Being able to share our wonderful building, history and heritage with people from around the world and discover their stories and their connections to our small village church and community is great."

The church is open dawn-dusk. Everyone is welcome. Champing (Camping in Churches) offers the rare chance to sleep in the church, and has welcomed people from the UK, Europe, and USA and New Zealand!

The judges loved the Champing and the range of events and activities offered. They are clearly working hard to attract new visitors.



St Nefydd & St Mary, Llanefydd Winner in Wales

"Seeing visitors' reaction when they first walk in the door is a privilege. Then their slower reflection as they walk around, read the banners, look at the architecture, the old wall plaques, enjoy the light pouring in from the windows- or just sit and 'be'"

Cyfellion Eglwys Llanefydd work tirelessly to ensure that the church remains at the heart of this tiny village - even its medieval Llan wall is heart shaped! Since the church was opened daily, there has been a 500% increase in visitors.

The judges loved the 'swiftites' and links with local tourism including the North Wales Pilgrims Way. There is a warmth to what they are doing.



"The pilgrims pod really stood out. Recognising who your visitors are and doing things they will engage with is so important."

*The judging panel about
St Nefydd & St Mary,
Llanefydd*

Tundergarth Church Winner in Scotland

“Our commitment to preserving Tundergarth Church is not just about maintaining a building but nurturing a living legacy that intertwines faith, history and a unique role in global memory.”

The church is unique in its connection to the PanAm 103 tragedy in 1988. The nose cone of the aeroplane landed just across the road. The church and Room of Remembrance are open 24/7 and the visitors book is testament to the deep connection visitors feel.

This nomination sang out to the judges, who were impressed and touched. They hope this award will help enhance the future of this place of pilgrimage.



Killinchy Parish Church Winner in Northern Ireland

“Tourism and welcoming visitors has been a relatively new but ultimately hugely rewarding experience for all of our members and volunteers. We are continually having to pinch ourselves at how far we’ve come.”

The church has over 1500 years of stories to tell, set within the Mournes and over to Scotland. It is open everyday, as is the Livingstone Centre exhibition space where stories are told with consideration and sensitivity. All visitors receive a warm welcome.

The judges loved the tourism outreach and the connection to the tourism eco-system. They have come a long way, and the judges are looking forward to seeing what’s next.



***“There’s
a very
difficult, sober
story at the heart
of it. But actually,
it’s profoundly,
profoundly
hopeful.”***

*The judging panel about
Tundergarth Church*

Care & Conservation Awards

St Nicholas, Blundellsands, Merseyside
St Laurence, East Harptree, Somerset
All Saints, Fleet, Hampshire
St Mary Magdalene, Geddington, Northamptonshire
St Ethelbert, Larling, Norfolk
Newry Cathedral, Newry, County Down
Portglenone Church, Portglenone, County Antrim
St Sampson, South Hill, Cornwall
Immaculate Conception, Strabane, County Tyrone

Friends Vote Award

St James the Great, Colchester, Essex
RCCG King of Glory, Edinburgh
St Aldhelm, Edmonton, London
St Mary, Withersfield Suffolk
St Aidan, Salters Grange, County Armagh

Church & Community Volunteer Awards

St James, Aslackby, Lincolnshire
Redeemer Central, Belfast, County Antrim
St Laurence, Chorley, Lancashire
St Quivox, Dalmilling, Ayrshire
St Mark, Dundela, County Antrim
Gellionnen Chapel, Gellionnen, Glamorgan
St Mary Magdalene, Gorleston on Sea, Norfolk
St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton, South Lanarkshire
St Mary the Virgin, Langthwaite, Yorkshire
St Peter, Llanbedr, Denbighshire
St Marylebone, Marylebone, London
Congregational Church, Musselburgh, East Lothian

St Paul, Norton Lees, Yorkshire
St John the Baptist, Portstewart, County Derry
Corpus Christi, Tremeirchion, Denbighshire

Open for Visitors Awards

Sinclair Seamen's, Belfast, County Antrim
St Nicholas, Berden, Essex
St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, Hampshire
St Mark, Dundela, County Antrim
St Michael, Eriskay, Outer Hebrides
Killinchy Parish Church, Killinchy, County Down
St Elidan, Llanelidan, Denbighshire
St Nefydd & St Mary, Llanefydd, Conwy
All Souls, Leeds, Yorkshire
Our Lady, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland
St Augustine, Skirlaugh, Yorkshire
Tundergarth Church, Tundergarth, Dumfriesshire

King of Prussia Gold Medal

(awarded at a separate event)

St Peter & St Paul, Blandford Forum, Dorset
St Laurence, East Harptree, Somerset
St Anne, Bowden Hill, Wiltshire
St Mary the Virgin, Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk

Presidents' Award

(awarded at a separate event)

St Mary Bourne Street, Belgravia, London
Chalmers Church, Edinburgh
The Lighthouse Church, Heswall, Merseyside
All Saints, Newtown, Powys
St Mary Magdalene, Tanworth in Arden, Warwickshire



Blundellsands



larptree
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South Hill



Newry



Portglenone
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Hamilton



Norton Lees



Dundela



Gorleston on Sea



Chorley



Gellionen



Langthwaite



Mussleburgh



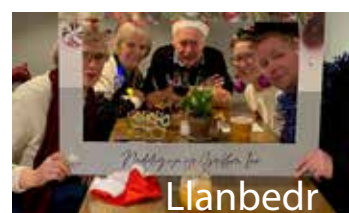
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Llanbedr



Portstewart



Dundela



Skirlaugh
© CliffStott



Seaton Delaval



Belfast



Chilworth



Lincoln Cathedral

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Congratulations to all our winning churches

St Mary Magdalene, Geddington

St Ethelbert, Larling

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Strabane

St James, Aslackby

Redeemer Central, Belfast

St Quivox, Dalmilling

Corpus Christi, Tremeirchion

St Nicholas, Berden

St Nefydd & St Mary, Llanefydd

Tundergarth Church

Killinchy Parish Church

Plus, of course, our Friends Vote Award winner and the Church of the Year, who will be announced live at the event.

And, the architecture awards winners who will be announced on 7 November.

Church of the Year

We believe that for a church to be successful, it must be sustainable. Our definition of sustainable includes the following characteristics: relevant; looked after; in good repair; in use; and, open for all.

Our Church of the Year is a shining example of a church, chapel or meeting house which is open, available to all and supported by the local community. It should meet the needs of this community and be welcoming to those visiting from further afield.

We want to celebrate a church that values and uses volunteers successfully, and is an inspiration to others across the UK.

We are thrilled to award Church of the Year 2024 to one of the churches here today.

The winner is

Thank you

We're very grateful to the Marsh Charitable Trust for supporting the Church and Community Volunteer Awards. Thank you also to Eric Parry Architects for sponsoring the awards this year.

We work together with the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association to celebrate the King of Prussia Gold Medal, the Presidents' Award and the Young Church Architect or Surveyor of the Year.

Our judging stages have brought together representatives from heritage and faith organisations, sector experts and individuals working in the awards category fields. We're extremely grateful to everyone who has been involved.

Also we are thankful to Lincoln Cathedral, for hosting us today in this magnificent space and to Craig Mace for hand crafting our awards. Also to Salted Orange for our delicious afternoon tea and Peachy Events for our staging and livestream.

Finally we would like to thank the capable and wonderful Canon Ann Easter and Very Revd Dr Simon Jones, who will guide us through the afternoon with skill and entertainment.

Thanks to you all



Eric Parry Architects



Our judges

HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG KCVO
Vice Patron National Churches Trust
Prince Nicholas von Preussen
Vice President, National Churches Trust

Shirley Adams, Trustee, National Churches Trust
Bob Allies, Architect
Anthony Brown, Vice President, National Churches Trust
Gavin Burns, Architect, Historic Environment NI
Richard Carr-Archer, Architect
Victoria Collison-Owen, Executive Director, Historic Churches Scotland
Katie Cormack
Ashley Courtney, President, Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association
Xenia Dennen, Master Mercer, The Mercers' Company
Canon Ann Easter, Honorary Associate Priest, Newham
Aimee Henderson, Inspector of Historic Buildings, Cadw
Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones, Dean, Lincoln Cathedral
Anna Joynt, President, Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association
Douglas Kent, Head of Technical & Research SPAB
Sandra Lynes-Timbrell, Director of Visitor Experience, St Paul's Cathedral
Annie McCarthy, Trust Manager, Marsh Charitable Trust
Donna McDonald, Trustee, National Churches Trust
Greg Pickup, Chief Executive, Churches Conservation Trust
Peter Preston, President, Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association
Sir Philip Rutnam, Chair, National Churches Trust
Archbishop Emeritus George Stack
Sarah Stewart, Trustee, National Churches Trust
Robert Thompson, Awards Officer, President, Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association
Robin Tjolle, VisitEngland
Eddie Tulasiewicz, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, National Churches Trust
Claire Walker, Chief Executive, National Churches Trust
Andrew Wood, Immediate Past President, President, Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association



We're very grateful to Craig for hand crafting our awards this year.

Crafting the awards

Here at Lincoln cathedral we have a dedicated works department made up of highly skilled craftspeople, some of whom are just starting out in their chosen careers and others who've spent the majority of their working life here.

We're made up of stonemasons, conservators, joiners, lead workers, glaziers, decorators, a gardener and a facilities team. The cathedral has had its own works department as we know it since the early twentieth century but obviously there has been continuous work for many many years prior to this. We are collectively responsible for not only the cathedral but also the 80 something properties surrounding it.

There are currently a couple of quite large projects being undertaken including works on the Wren library and extensive works to the exterior of the Chapter House. The vast majority of the work on the chapter house is being undertaken to rectify huge problems caused by the introduction of cement during the late 19th and early 20th centuries (I'm sure you all know this is a common problem for historic buildings) and also the introduction of iron, used to tie stones together. As a result of this we have replaced at least 250 pieces of stone, done numerous mortar repairs and a huge amount of repointing. All using our hot mixed lime mortars. The building has also been cleaned using various methods.

Something we are very keen on here is the training of crafts people, whether that be new apprentices and trainees or up skilling the people we have already so we have just taken on two new trainee masons and an apprentice. I think we can all recognise the need for more skilled craftspeople with the necessary knowledge to look after our historic buildings appropriately, which is why in the last few years we've hosted the SPAB fellows and we also got involved with the building limes forum when it was held here in Lincoln in 2023. We also take an active role in the Cathedral Workshop Fellowship which the cathedral has put a number of people through over the last decade or so. This has become a vital source for sharing knowledge, working practices and forging relations between the cathedral workshops around the country.

Craig Mace

National Churches Trust

Churches, chapels and meeting houses are impressive, exciting and surprising places.

Whether seeking quiet reflection, critical community services, a warm welcome, a place to worship, or a space to explore, we believe they should be loved and supported. Churches are a priceless part of our heritage and social fabric.

Our vision is that church buildings across the UK are well maintained, open to everyone, sustainable and valued.

Working on the ground across all four nations, we support churches of all denominations, helping them to thrive. As a charity, we are independently funded and rely on the generosity of our supporters to carry out this work.

We **Build Up** churches through funding vital maintenance, repairs and development, providing specialist advice and establishing new resources.

We **Open Up** churches by helping them to become welcoming spaces where communities can be supported and served, churches explored, and heritage can be experienced and recognised.

We **Speak Up** on behalf of churches, helping those in positions of leadership and influence to see the unrivalled role churches play in supporting the wellbeing of the nation.

Yours for Good.

The logo is a red circle containing the text 'NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The background of the entire page is a photograph of a churchyard with green trees and pink flowers in the foreground, partially obscured by a white curved shape on the left.

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The Lord Cormack Memorial Fund



We hope to raise £52,000 towards our work championing the UK's church buildings, in honour of the 52 years Patrick served the National Churches Trust to help us keep churches open.

Church buildings need our support like never before:

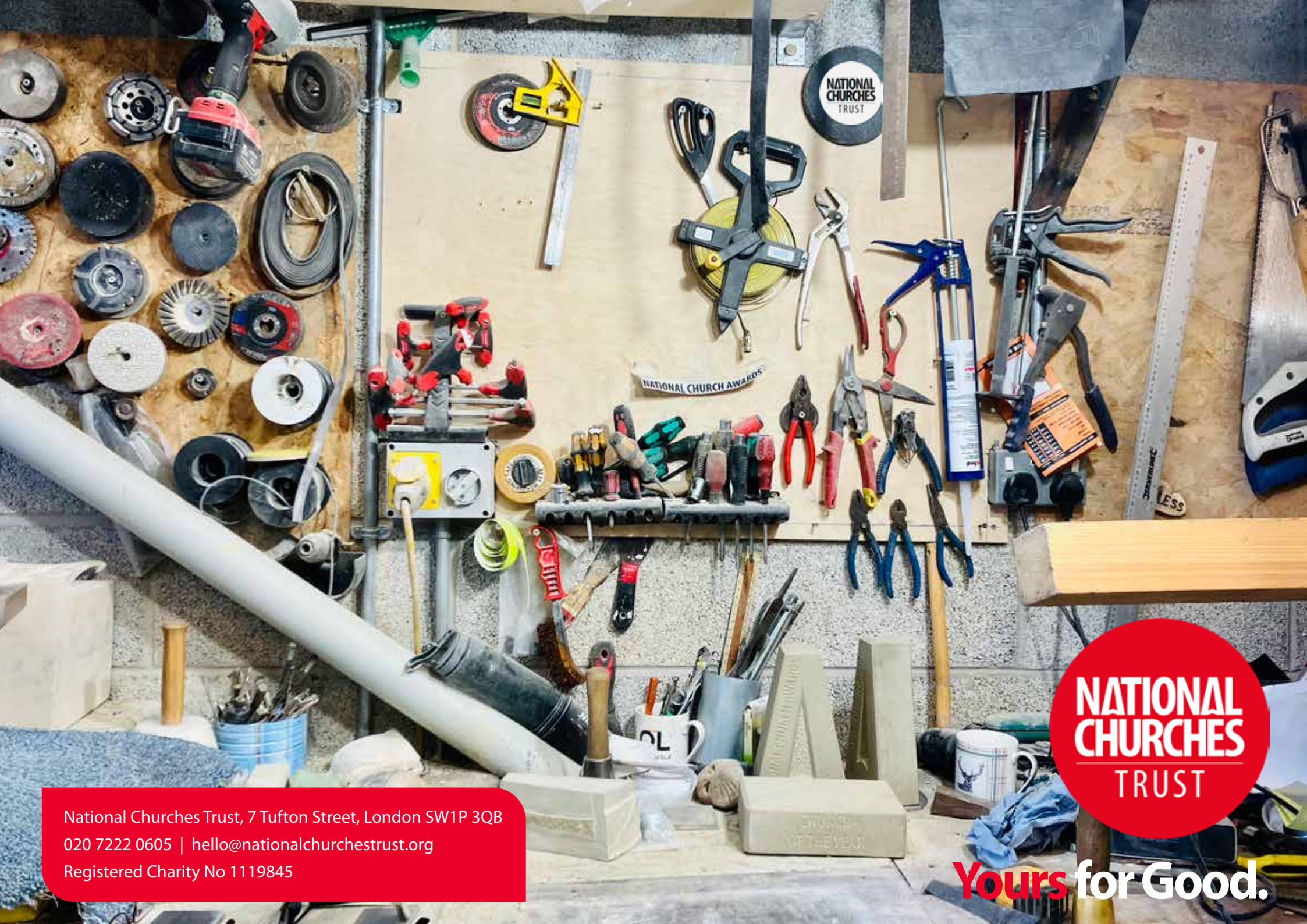
- There are 38,500 churches in the UK. A few years ago, there were 40,000.
- We have to say no to three out of four churches through our grants because of a lack of funds.

Could you honour the legacy of Lord Cormack and help us to save churches by donating to the Lord Cormack Memorial Fund today?

Whether you're able to give £5.20, £52 or £520, all gifts are greatly appreciated and will be used to help churches stay open and in use.

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