



NEWS FROM THE NORTH WESTERN SYNOD 17TH APRIL 2019

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1: National Churches Trust: grants for church maintenance

Foundation Grants: The Trust makes Foundation Grants to places of worship of all Christian denominations in the UK towards work that addresses urgent maintenance that has been identified as a priority in a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report or survey. The works should be standalone projects costing between £1,000 and £10,000 excluding VAT. Grants range from £500 to £3,000. The **next deadline is 12 May 2019** for a decision in July.

In order to apply, applicants should have two quotes for the work, 50% of funding in place and the necessary permissions (e.g. List B consent, Faculty, Trustee approval or its equivalent) and be able to evidence the urgency for the work. Projects should be led, overseen and supervised by a suitably-qualified architect or surveyor, with conservation accreditation if the building is listed. *The Trust cannot fund work retrospectively*, though work may commence after an application has been submitted.

To date, NCT grants have been used to fund small-scale roof repairs, repointing, drainage, guttering and suchlike. The grants can also be used to fund small investigative works and surveys.

Applications should be made online via the relevant grant programme page [here](#). Please be sure to read the guidance note before applying. Please contact grants@nationalchurchtrust.org or call 020 7227 1933 to speak to the grants team if you have any questions regarding grant programmes.

In addition, a reminder of the NCT's other grant programmes (see also the website [here](#)) and ongoing initiatives.

- **Gateway Grants** are awards of £3,000 to £10,000 to support churches to develop high-quality, well-researched, sustainable projects through the diagnosis of issues affecting the it, by testing the viability of proposed solutions and through developing plans up to RIBA stage 1 in advance of applying to a major church heritage funder. Next deadline **9 May 2019** for a decision in July.
- **Cornerstone Grants** are awards of £10,000 to £50,000 towards urgent and essential structural repairs with an estimated cost of at least £100,000 (including VAT and fees) and/or the introduction of kitchens and lavatories costing at least £30,000. Next deadline **1 July 2019** for a decision in November.
- **MaintenanceBooker** is a service designed help churches and chapels avoid having to carry out major repairs to their buildings by making it easy to carry out regular maintenance. The service is available to churches, chapels and historic buildings across England and Wales and provides an online 'one stop shop' where churches and chapels can book accredited contractors for services including gutter clearance, tree maintenance, lightning protection system inspections and asbestos management services. Small grants are also available towards the costs of some services booked via the site. For more information, see [here](#).
- **ExploreChurches** is the programme through which the NCT aims to develop a high-quality resource for visitors and churches. The potential for churches to attract visitors and for visits to be enjoyable and worthwhile is huge; and the NCT would like to include all churches, chapels and meeting houses that are open for visitors, even if this is only during specific hours or on certain days. There is an online form here: <https://www.explorechurches.org/add-your-church>.

[Source: Historic England – 9 April]

2: Intermediate Safeguarding Training programme..

A programme of Intermediate Safeguarding Training is being delivered by the Synod Safeguarding Advisor, Julie Rafferty. The training provides detailed insight into the responsibilities and obligations of safeguarding within a church. The training is a recommended requirement for people in the following roles:

- Church Safeguarding Coordinators
- Ministers
- Accredited/ Synod recognised Lay preachers
- Church members with leadership responsibility

The training dates are as follows:

1. Bolton & Salford – Tonge Moor – 30th April – 6-9pm
2. Lancs East – Burnley & Nelson – 15th May 6-9pm
3. Bolton & Salford – Worsley Road (Swinton) – 21st May 6-9pm
4. Cheshire East & Derbyshire – Glossop & Tintwisle – 23rd May 6-9pm
5. Lancs South – Leyland – 25th June 6-9pm
6. Lancs West – Poulton Le Fylde – 27th June 6-9pm
7. Lancs North – Bolton-Le-Sands 5th September 6-9pm
8. Lancs West – St Annes – 14th September 10.30 -2.30pm
9. South Manchester – Chorlton Central – 6-9pm
10. Rochdale, Bury & North Manchester – Bamford & Norden – 9.30-1.30pm
11. South Manchester – Chorlton Central – 18th September 6-9pm
12. Rochdale, Bury & North Manchester – Bamford & Norden – 28th September 9.30-1.3

The Intermediate training is being delivered in the missional partnership areas. At least one training session will take place in each missional partnership, possibly two dependant on the size. The training programme is taking place between April and November 2019. People have the choice to attend ANY training session they wish.

Further dates are currently being confirmed for October and November in the other Missional Partnerships and will be released within the forthcoming weeks

Additional dates in Mersey Synod:

West Lancs – Wigan Trinity – 2nd May 6-9pm

Wirral – Heswall – 4th June 6-9pm

If you wish to attend the training, please contact the Synod Office on 0161 789 5583 or office@nwsynod.or.uk or email the Synod Safeguarding Advisor on safeguarding@nwsynod.org.uk to book on the training.

Once you are booked onto the training, you will receive confirmation of this and exact details of the training and directions to the location.

Hot & cold drinks will be provided at all venues. For the day sessions, people are recommended to bring their own lunch.

3: The Proud Trust presents Clergy for Equalitea



Clergy for EQUALITEA

We are celebrating the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, with this special event for clergy and friends.

Fri 17th May 2019
10.30am - 12.30pm



At The LGBT+ Centre
49-51 Sidney St.
Manchester
M1 7HB

Donations welcome to our rebuild

Includes tea and cake from
Sidney Street Cafe



For more information, or to book contact
sally.carr@theproudtrust.org 07900680725

Come and join us or join in from home and tweet
#EQUALITEA @TheProudTrust @SidneySt_Cafe

4: Good News Stories out of Lancashire

The new extension at Marton URC created space for new mission opportunities! The extension made room for a craft club, men's group, prayer group and coffee morning for the community. It is a privilege to visit these groups and join in the fun, fellowship and community engagement.



Following on from a Partnership Get Together, Halton URC identified a need for a group where young people can meet up and express themselves through art. Out of this "My Space" developed where young people meet up once a month on a Friday evening. So far this group have done tie-die, papier-mâché and Easter egg decoration. The group of girls are planning to hold a coffee morning, the first Saturday in July to sell decorated cakes that they will prepare the night before and to have a art exhibition of their work. Thank you Mary and Katherine for all the hard work you put in.

Two of the Elders at Leyland URC, Christine Holmes and Lorna Bowling delivered an outstanding Dementia Awareness Workshop; twenty people from the South Partnership attend this very informative evening. Thank you David Holmes, Christine and Lorna in supporting us and enabling us to reach out to our friends in our churches and communities who are affected by Dementia.





Hesk Bank URC lead "Friday 15" during Lent where they dedicate 15 minutes every Friday to a specific charity through prayer and worship. Over the last few weeks they have raised awareness of the following charities:

Emmaus, Women kind, Sightsavers, Samaritans, UNICEF and World Child Cancer.