We want to keep wonderful churches open and in use for good.
WHO ARE WE?

The national charity that helps keep the UK’s wonderful collection of church buildings well maintained, valued and used.

Been in existence since 1818 and in this form since for over 70 years.
HOW WE ACHIEVE
OUR GOALS

Build Up
Funding vital maintenance, repairs and development, providing specialist advice, and establishing new resources to train and support volunteers tasked with maintaining churches.
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Open Up
Helping churches become welcoming spaces where communities can be supported and served; churches can be seen as great places for worship and prayer, to visit and explore, and heritage can be experienced and recognised.
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Speak Up
Helping those in positions of leadership and influence to see the unrivalled role churches play in supporting the well-being of the nation.
KEY SUCCESSES IN 2021/2

- £5.2 million awarded in grants in 2021
- DCMS funding of £3.5 million
- Updated House of Good Report
- The Future of UK’s Church Buildings Report
- Largest church tourism website in the UK
- Friends Memberships increase by 20%
THE HOUSE OF GOOD

- Measures the extent of the social and economic value provided by churches for national and local communities
- Calculates the market and non-market value of wellbeing created by churches
- Shows the value that churches make to our society over and above heritage
WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- Heritage and church sector has been poor at providing information on financial value/benefit
- Lack of consistent funding for churches (schemes come and go)
- Evidence to enable us to sustain more church buildings and inspire support for them
- Understand the value church buildings make to our society over and above heritage value
The total economic and social value that church buildings generate in the UK is at least £55 billion per year which averages around £300,000 per church.
CIRCLES OF VALUE

- The House of Good calculated six key stages or circles of value.
- We call this the Halo Effect
CALCULATING THE HALO EFFECT

These six circles of value, the £55 billion, are calculated in this way:

• £2.29 billion is social and well being value of people who volunteer, benefit from or attend church.

• £43 billion is the replacement cost of social and community services, like food banks, youth groups, mental health services.
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