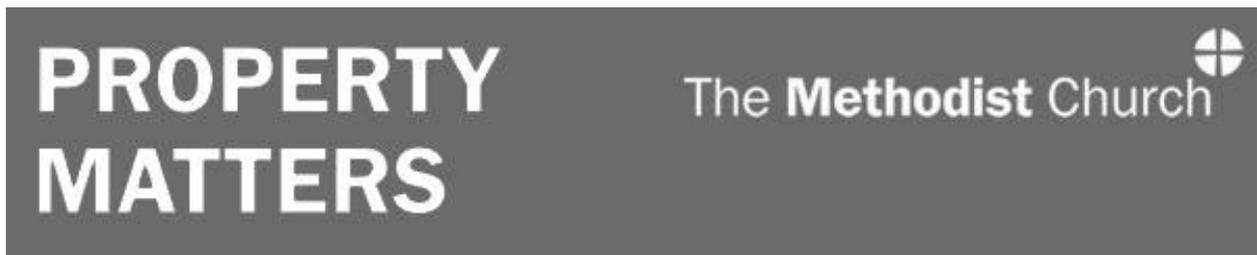


January 2020



Welcome to the new version of Property Matters in its monthly format. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email the [Property Support Team](#).

Mission Planning & Property Strategy

It is a new year and time to perhaps have a new emphasis on [Mission Planning](#). Last year, the [Connexional Property Strategy](#) was launched with a strong focus on mission planning. To find out more about how mission planning and property are connected, click [here](#).



Connexional
Property Strategy 2018-20
Adopted by the Methodist Council in October 2018



Engaging with Your Local Community

The Rev Dr Kathleen Richardson tells the story about the church's mission plan to engage with the local community.



Looking for Inspiration?

We will be collecting and publishing examples of innovative property projects of all kinds. To view our current examples, click [here](#).

If your church has recently completed a project and you would like to share your story, please [contact us](#)!

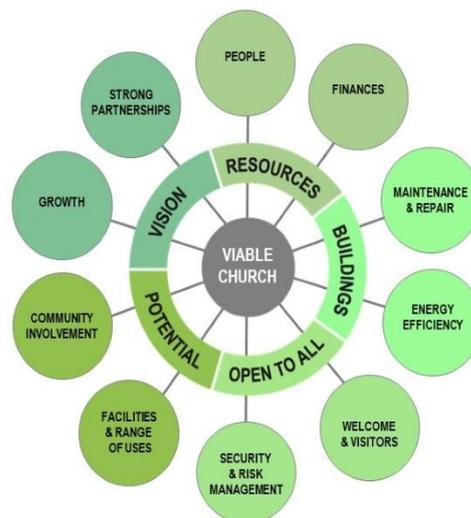


Church Sustainability

There's a lot to consider when looking after and planning for the future of a church building. [The Churches Trust for Cumbria](#) has produced excellent resource called the [Sustainability Rosette](#) for capturing these various elements.

There are also informative [videos](#) about caring for older buildings. [Traditional Building Construction & Lime](#), [Finding your Church's Story](#) and [Conserving Stained Glass](#) to name a few! As well, a useful [Maintenance Checklist](#) can be downloaded.

And if you look closely on the website, you can spot our very own Jim Irving, the DPS for Cumbria, listed as one of the trustees



Can a Community Business Help Improve Services for Local Residents?

[The Historic Religious Buildings Alliance](#) and [The Plunkett Foundation](#) are working with a number of organisations to look at how places of worship can accommodate community businesses. There are already some [good examples](#) - including shops, cafes and even accommodation. Our ambition is to see more communities and places of worship taking up this opportunity. For more information, click [here](#). If you know of other examples, please send them to [Becky Payne](#) at [The Historic Religious Buildings Alliance](#).



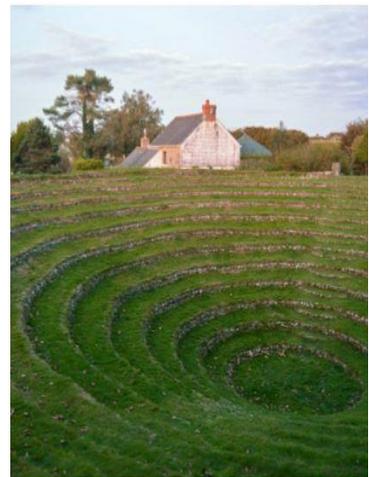
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Rural Churches – We Need You!

How would you answer the following:

- Define success for rural places of worship?
- Why does the future need to be different?
- What will maximise the public value of rural places of worship?
- Who cares about what makes them special?

Joanne Balmforth, Conservation Officer, has been invited to join a seminar about *Creative Thinking about Rural Places of Worship* –facilitated by [Historic England](#). Please send your answers/comments to these questions to conservation@methodistchurch.org.uk.



Joanne has also contributed to another report by [Historic England](#) on [Non-Conformist Chapel in Cornwall](#). Click [here](#) to view.

National Grants & Funding

[National Churches Trust Foundation, Gateway and Cornerstone Grants](#) – apply until 30 October 2020 for urgent maintenance and small investigative works

[Grants for Roof Alarms](#)

[All Churches Trust Growing Lives](#) – 5 Methodist Churches already received over £70,000 in funding for community projects – including a soft play facility in a worship space.

[Affordable Housing Funding](#)



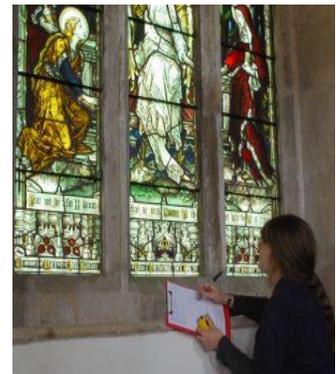
Conservation Grants and Resources

[Stained Glass Conservation](#) - closing date 7 February 2020

[Listed Place of Worship Grant](#) - closing date extended to 31 March 2020

[William and Jane Morris Fund](#) – closing date on 31 March and 31 August 2020

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
[John Betjeman Award](#) (award commemorating conservation projects) – closing date 25 Feb 2020



[The Heritage Fund Directory](#) – an easy-to-use guide for financial & support for heritage projects

Regional Grants

[Severn Trent Community Fund](#) – quarterly panels

[Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust](#) – closing date 30 April and 31 October

[Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust](#) - closing date 17 April and 17 September

Connexional Grants

[Connexional Grants](#)

[Feasibility Study Funding](#)

First Legal Steps on a Property Project

[The First Steps Chart](#) (produced by TMCP) sets out key legal issues to consider at the initial stage of a project and provides a reminder of the Methodist and charitable requirements. While the complexities involved and financial implications of legal issues and complexities involved may be very different, this chart can be a useful resource whatever the scale of your project. Further information about how to use the chart can be found [here](#).



Essential Trustee Guide for Managing Trustees

A must watch for any trustees in need of a refresher or anyone considering becoming a trustee. Topics include *Dealing with Conflicts of Interest*, *Managing Risk* and *Charity Law* in respect of property transactions.

Further guidance about can be found on the [Trustee Guide of the Charity Commission](#) or please contact lcp@methodistchurch.org.uk



Upcoming Events

[Beautiful Burial Ground Conference 2020](#)

2 March, Cardiff & 26 March, Sheffield

[Empowering Design Practices: LIVE](#)

12 February 2020, London

[Faith in Maintenance, Award-winning course](#)

Free workshop from the Diocese of Ely, Wisbech, PE13 1HP

Saturday 21st March 2020, 10:00am – 4pm

Listed Building Advisory Committee

Meeting dates:

- April 2020 - Deadline for papers - 31 March 2020
- 7 July 2020 - Deadline for papers - 16 June 2020

Property Matters is a monthly newsletter focused on giving updates on property related guidance and legalisation as well as providing information and links to related subjects. We cannot know about everything that's going on, so please do [email us](#) if you have any feedback or ideas for items to include.

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