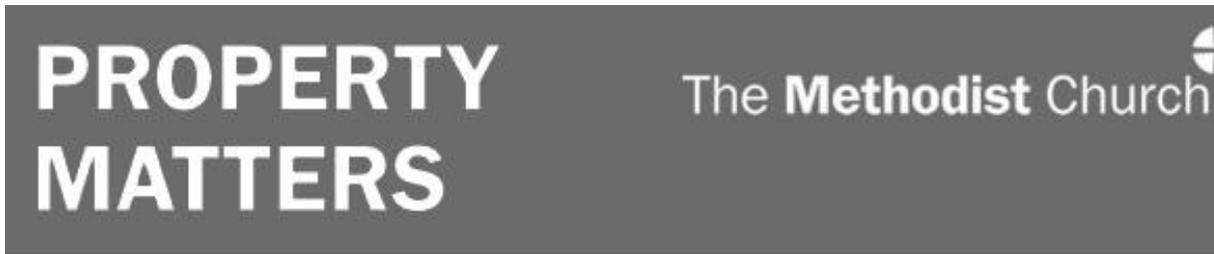


November 2020



Welcome to the November edition of Property Matters with a focus on updates on guidance during the Covid-19 pandemic. If you have any feedback, please email the [Property Support Team](#).

Updates on Covid-19 Guidance

The new [National Restrictions](#) have come into effect from 5 November 2020 in England.

As part of these new restrictions, places of worship and their ancillary accommodation will have to be closed for congregational worship and all other user groups, except for the following:

- Individual Prayer
- To broadcast acts of worship
- Funerals
- Formal childcare/ part of a school
- Essential voluntary and public services, such as blood donation or food banks
- Support Groups
- Place of work where the work cannot be carried out at home
- Repairs or construction work that is being undertaken
- Community cafés providing a take-away service only



Unfortunately, wedding ceremonies will not be permitted to take place.

Further details, including responses from the MHCLG on frequently asked questions, can be found on the [Coronavirus Guidance for Property](#) page.

Health and Safety Updates

HSE have updated the [Coronavirus Guide for Ventilation](#) and [CIBSE's Covid-19 Ventilation Guidance](#) has been updated to reflect recommendations during the cooler weather. As well, HSE produced some helpful guidance on what to expect during a [Covid-19 Spot Check and Inspection](#).

Two Methodist Churches Awarded Cultural Recovering Funding

We wish to congratulate the trustees of [The Wesley Centre in Malton](#), North Yorkshire, and the Trustees of [Chittlehampton Methodist Church](#), North Devon who have both been awarded substantial grants from the Government's Cultural Recovery Fund for Heritage. They are two of



433 successful applicants to receive a share of £67 million from the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage that aims to help with costs for operating, re-opening and recovery following the Coronavirus pandemic. The grants will be used to help both historic churches to become even more Covid-secure, as well as supporting their operating costs and paying for urgent repairs to the buildings. The trustees at both churches have done exceptionally well, particularly given the number of secular and ecclesiastical applications from all denominations, and we wish them well in developing and implementing their respective property schemes.

House of Good Report

This groundbreaking report from [National Churches Trust](#) demonstrates that the total economic and social value that church buildings generate in the UK is at least £12.4 billion per year which averages around £300,000 per church. That is roughly equal to the total NHS spending on mental health in England in 2018.



We believe that these findings are remarkable. They show that our churches are not just Houses of God. They are also Houses of Good – good that we risk losing if church buildings are not kept in good repair, and may never be able to replace:

Virtual Open Days

[St James the Great Church](#) in Daisy Hill, Bolton participated in this year's online Heritage Open Days festival in September 2020. While organiser Glenys Latham found opening the doors online a challenge, she was delighted with the results. [Click here to read more](#) to inspire and get thinking about if you could do something similar.



National Maintenance Week

The SPAB's annual [National Maintenance Week](#) runs from 20-27 November with a focus on helping custodians of historic buildings looking at maintenance before the winter. The campaign will be supported by a number of free online events including:

- [Maintenance Question Time](#), 21 November 2020. Although the online forum is free to attend, you should register in advance. Please [send an email](#) including any questions



along with your contacts by 5pm on Monday, 16 November 2020.

- Pre-recorded lecture on [Maintenance in Faith Buildings](#), presented by Kate Andrew. The lecture will be available from 20-27 November and it is free but you will need to [register](#).

The National Lottery Community Fund

The [National Lottery Awards for All](#) offers funding from £300 to £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities. They're looking to fund COVID-19 projects and will prioritise: organisations supporting people who are at high risk from COVID-19. Places of worship are eligible. [Click here to read more](#).



Managing Trustees' Training Session

TMCP and Capsticks are pleased to announce a training session via Zoom for Managing Trustees on **12th November 2020**.



The event will be hosted by Capsticks and led by TMCP. The session will focus on the way TMCP and the whole panel of solicitors will be working together in the future to further streamline transactions such as the sale and purchases of manses as well as straightforward short-term leases. You will note from the '[Save the Date](#)' flyer that not only will you hear from TMCP and Capsticks but also the Connexional Team and Managing Trustees, who will give real life examples of their experiences of the panel. We do hope that you will be able to join us on the day. [Read more here](#).

Listed Building Advisory Committee

Meeting dates:

- **17 November 2020** - deadline for papers has passed
- **19 January 2021** - Deadline for papers - 22 December 2020
- **22 March 2021** - Deadline for papers - 26 February 2021

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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