# Welcome to your 2015-16 Annual Review

I am honoured to have been appointed Chairman of The Churches Conservation Trust. Our achievements under my predecessor Loyd Grossman are impressive, and I am delighted Loyd will stay involved as a CCT Vice-President and supporter. As we approach our 50th anniversary in 2019 I am taking over at an exciting time where there are challenges but also opportunities.

This has been another year of impressive delivery at the CCT, most significantly completion of works at our largest site, St Nicholas' Chapel in King's Lynn, and the conservation and regeneration of St Mary at Quay, Ipswich.

We repaired and reopened Grade I churches at Ayston in Rutland and Ufford in Cambridgeshire, both now alive with volunteers and visitors, and welcomed St Kenelm's, Sapperton as our 350th church. We have also made significant improvements to interpretation and visitor facilities in churches across the country.

The CCT's expertise is recognised internationally, helping several non-CCT churches develop ambitious plans. ChampingTM has proved remarkably popular, with diverse visitors enjoying the opportunity to stay in a CCT church.

None of this would be possible without CCT staff and volunteers. I am grateful to the Church Commissioners, DCMS, the Heritage Lottery Fund and many other funders, donors and members. I look forward to working with you all.

Peter Ainsworth Chairman

2015-16 has been another fantastic year for the CCT. St Nicholas', King's Lynn reopened in style, followed swiftly by major visitor enhancements to churches in Evesham, Cambridge, York and Sandwich, where visitors can now climb a newly installed tower staircase to admire views over the English Channel. We are also very excited by the recent completion of the regeneration and conservation work at St Mary at Quay, Ipswich.

We continue to benefit from the support and confidence of our sponsors and funders, and our DCMS grant was renewed in the 2016 Spending Review, at a fixed rate until 2020. Just as importantly, donations to the CCT rose to £459,000, an impressive 13% increase on last year. Developing our membership schemes is a priority, and in September we launched the Bulmer-Thomas Circle, a philanthropic group dedicated to conservation work and named after our founder, Ivor Bulmer-Thomas.

At the CCT we spend 95% of our income directly on frontline projects, the majority of it going to maintenance and repair work on our very special collection of 350 churches, and to community projects which support them. This simply wouldn't be possible without the extraordinary commitment of our volunteers, who now number a record 1,820 and contribute to every area of our work, from conservation and project management to archival research and fundraising.



Crispin Truman Chief Executive

The Churches Conservation Trust is the national charity protecting historic churches at risk.

Since 1969, we have played a unique role in national life. Without our work, 350 historic buildings might have disappeared entirely, including some irreplaceable examples of architecture, archaeology and art from 1,000 years of history.

#### Cover photo

Centuries of inspiring craftwork at St Lawrence's Church, Evesham



Help us keep history alive for future generations: join as a member at visitchurches.org.uk/join

#### President

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales

#### Vice Presidents

Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville CH PC Baroness Kay Andrews OBE Rt Hon Frank Field MP DL Dame Liz Forgan DBE Dr Loyd Grossman CBE FSA Jools Holland OBE DL Dr. Bettany Hughes

#### **Our Trustees**

Peter Ainsworth - Chairman Jane Weeks - Deputy Chair of Trustees Reverend Duncan Dormor Lady Lucy French Sir Simon Jenkins (from January 2016) Christopher Knight (until March 2016) Beth McHattie Liz Peace CBE

#### Chair of the

**Conservation Committee** Humphrey Welfare Chair of the Finance, Audit and

**Resources Committee** Duncan Wilson OBE

Copywriters Phoebe Clapham and

Rebecca Cowper Design OD&A - odanda.net

The Churches Conservation Trust

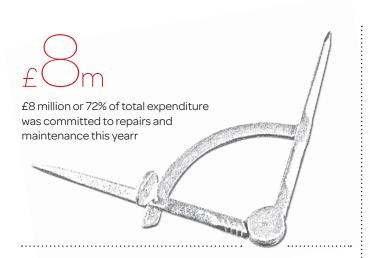
Society Building 8 All Saints Street London N19RL

www.visitchurches.org.uk Email: central@thecct.org.uk Telephone: 0845 303 2760 Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm (Calls from UK landlines will be charged at a local rate. Calls from mobiles may be higher.)

Registered Charity No: 258612



# Looking back... 2015-16 in facts and figures



1,820 - a record number of regular volunteers in all regions





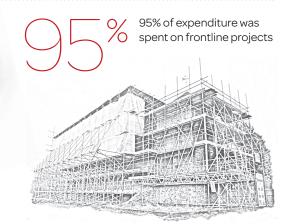
£11.1m - CCT's turnover in 2015-16

£1.1m – legacy funding received

43% of income came from statutory grants, with £3.2m from DCMS and £1,4m from the Church Commissioners.



3,600 young people plus 950 adults have engaged in CCT's learning activities, including Explorer Church school partnerships and family activity days





1,708

1,708 - members as at 31 March 2016

£459,000

£459,000 – the total value of donations to CCT, a 13% increase on last year

50,000

£50,000 – the consultancy income generated by our Regeneration team





94%

94% of the churches we have saved from closure are Grade I or Grade II\* listed

23%

23.4% – of our volunteers spend more than 12 hours a month volunteering with us



£942,480

£942,480 – we estimate that this is at least the value of the time volunteers commit to CCT



£396,000 – the value of grants received from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund, to repair roofs at Warminghurst, Hove, Portland, Haugham and Stainburn

£11,148,260 Income £11,132,921 expenditure

To read a full copy of our statutory accounts, go to visitchurches.org.uk/accounts

# Our strategic aims for 2015-19

Our new strategic aims for 2015-19 are to:

- Inspire People
- Protect Our History
- Create Value

To be delivered by our national strategic programmes:

- Volunteering
- Visitor Enterprise
- Conservation
- Regeneration
- Fundraising
- Learning and Interpretation

# Thank you to all of our supporters

We are very grateful to our sponsors and to the trusts and foundations, friends groups and many other organisations and individuals who gave so generously to the Churches Conservation Trust in 2015-16.

#### Our sponsors

The Department of Culture, Media and Sport The Church Commissioners of the Church of England

## <u>Trusts, Foundations</u> and <u>Organisations</u>

Beeding and Bramber with

Botolphs Trust Christ Church (Macclesfield) Trust David and Claudia Harding Foundation Donald Insall Associates

Ennor Trust Fund Europa Nostra

Friends of Old Christ Church, Waterloo Friends of St George's Church, Esher Friends of St John the Baptist, Yarburgh Friends of St Martin's Church

Friends of St Mary, Shrewsbury Friends of St Mary's Church, Bungay Friends of St Mary's Church, Higham

Friends of St Mary's,

Stansted Mountfitchet
Friends of St Mary's, West Bergholt
Friends of St Peter & St Paul, Albury
Friends of St Wilfrid's Church,

Church Norton

Friends of Stourmouth Church, West Stourmouth

Friends of Warminghurst Church Friends of St Peter's, Wolfhamcote

Geoffrey Watling Charity Heritage Lottery Fund Historic England

Ian Askew Charitable Trust

John Jarrold Trust

Kathleen Hannay Memorial Charity

Lady Hind Trust

Listed Places of Worship: Roof Repair Fund Loppylugs & Barbara Morrison

Charitable Trust

Loveday Charitable Trust

McCorquodale Charitable Trust

Michael Guest Charitable

Foundation

Morgan Blake Charitable Trust Northamptonshire Historic

Churches Trust

Paul Bassham Charitable Trust

Pettit Trust

PF Charitable Trust

PFB Construction Management

Services Ltd

Redgrave Church Heritage Trust

Ricepuds Charitable Trust

Scottish Power Green Energy Trust

Severn Waste Environmental Fund

Stansted Airport Community Trust

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

Swire Charitable Trust

Trustees of St Mary's Chilton

Viridor Credits

VZW Kempens Landscap

WREN

Bulmer-Thomas Circle

Professor Victor Bulmer-Thomas

**Edward Harley** 

Timothy Harris

Peter Hirschmann

Charles Jenkins

Chris Kenny

Mark Kirby

Peter Mansfield

John Newman

Dr Mike Nussbaum

Michael Rimmer

Michael Robinson

Colin and Brenda Soden

Michael and Judith Walker

Miranda Wilson

#### **Chancel Club**

Ralph Aldwinckle

Dr David Booth

Adrian Clark

Denis Dunstone

Michael Fowle

Dr Loyd Grossman CBE FSA

Gina Goldhammer

Christopher Knight

Rupert Lycett Green

Colin Mynett

Professor Andrew Spicer

Margaret Thornton

Brian R. Wilson

#### **Donors**

Charles Bates

Professor Desmond Donovan

Mr C Gosling

Richard Jenkyns

Brenda Kipling

M Roger Moore

Sir James Scott Bt DL

Bob and Claire Stacey

Anthony Tibbles

Anthony Tibbles

#### **Patrons**

Michael Bartlett

Derek Blunt

Lord Peter Brooke of

Sutton Mandeville CH PC

Stephen Dawson

and Tom Peers

Ptolemy Dean

Rt Hon Frank Field

Graham Hale

Jools Holland

Richard Taylor

Dr Janet Townsend-Stojic

Mr and Mrs Alec Walters,

Whitcombe

# Some recent achievements

#### Helping regenerate communities across England

Our Regeneration Team has had a busy year helping groups to develop new uses for their historic churches.

This year phase two of our major regeneration project at Ipswich, St Mary at Quay, took place through a groundbreaking partnership with Suffolk Mind. The new heritage and wellbeing centre, 'Quay Place', opened to the public in autumn 2016 and is the result of a £5.1m scheme that has been eight years in the making.

We are also supporting 18 'at risk' churches in the Dioceses of Newcastle and Durham as part of a project recently awarded HLF funding. Additionally as part of our international consultancy work we have recently been working with several Swedish churches to extend the use of some much loved, but underutilised, historic churches.

#### Sharing heritage craft skills

This year we ring-fenced 2% of our repairs spending to promote traditional building skills and invested £15,000 in craft skills workshops in order to meet the demand for training in these skills across the UK.

We also support the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) William Morris Fellowships, which broaden the skills and experience of craftspeople employed in the repair of historic buildings. Our first CCT SPAB Fellow is Lizzy Hippisley-Cox, a stained-glass conservator who has worked on various historic buildings, including churches and cathedrals.

#### Bringing children and young people into churches

We're pleased to announce that our Heritage Schools programme, supported by the Department for Education through Historic England, received a further year's funding, enabling our three regional Heritage Learning Officers (HLOs) to continue their work with schools and families across England.

[2015-16 Stats on separate page: 3,600 young people + 950 adults have engaged in CCT's learning activities, including Explorer Church school partnerships and family activity days]

#### Images below

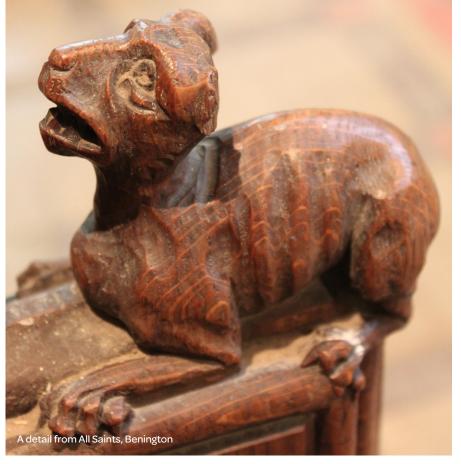
Top: Regeneration repairs at Quay Place Middle: Papier-maché pigeons made by schoolchildren as part of the Heritage Schools programme

Bottom: Visitors from Sweden with CCT's regeneration team











# Congratulations to our Volunteers of the Year!

The enormous contribution made by our volunteers was recognised at our annual Volunteer of the Year awards ceremony, held in January at the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden. The winners were:

#### Neil Skelton BEM

#### West Regional Volunteer of the Year

Neil motivates a dedicated team of volunteers at St Giles', Imber and has seen visitor numbers rising year on year at the open days he organises. The church is situated on Salisbury plains in Wiltshire within a 100 square mile military training area.

#### **Richard Haynes**

## South East Regional Volunteer of the Year

Richard is always ready to share his wealth of knowledge and experience of old buildings from his years working as a surveyor. Deeply committed to our churches on the Suffolk borders, Richard has been particularly supportive of the Friends Group of St Peter's, Sudbury.



Would you like to volunteer in one of our churches, and help visitors discover their amazing histories? Find out how at visitchurches.org.uk/volunteer

#### James Hickingbotham

#### North Regional Volunteer of the Year

James has enthusiastically supported a group of CCT churches in the West Lindsey area of the East Midlands, culminated in acting as a volunteer steward and tour guide or the Trust's Lincolnshire Historic Church Tour in 2015.

#### Harriet Tupper

#### National Fundraiser of the Year

The excellent 'pop up opera' Harriet organises at St Margaret of Antioch's, Leigh Delamere has become a social highlight in the local calendar, raising £1,000 for the CCT over the past two years.

#### William Sheffield

#### Young Volunteer of the Year

William spent his 2015 summer holidays researching and developing a walking route between a cluster of our churches in South Oxfordshire.

# The volunteers at St John on the Wall, Bristol

#### Volunteer Team of the Year

The team increased church opening hours dramatically, from one afternoon a week to an average of 5 days. They have also been driving the development of the church as a visitor attraction and an event space by training more volunteers, carrying out research and taking over the day to day running of the church and administrative duties.

#### The volunteers of Herefordshire

#### County Volunteer Team of the Year

Many of these volunteers have been committed to caring for their local church for decades, some for as long as 60 years! They ensure the CCT's 9 beautiful churches in Herefordshire are kept clean, presentable and welcoming to visitors.

#### Old Christ Church, Waterloo saved

The Grade II\* listed church in Merseyside was placed on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register last year, as its sandstone tower was severely eroded by the coastal winds. Parts of the churchyard were roped off due to the risk of falling masonry and the church was at risk of closing.

We launched a major appeal to save the church, which was built between 1891–99 by famous Lancashire architects Paley, Austin and Paley, and served as a landmark for sailors. The total cost of the project was £331,000 and thanks to the generosity of grant funders, the public, and the support of The Friends of Old Christ Church, who themselves donated £50,000, repair work is now underway.



As we care for more than 350 wonderful historic churches there are always projects which are awaiting assistance. Find out where your help is needed at visitchurches.org.uk

# A year in the life of the Trust

From a year that has seen successful new initiatives, new churches coming into our care, exciting collaborations, these are just some of the stories that have been making the news at the Trust.

#### Church Tours going strong

Our Historic Church Tours programme is proving increasingly popular, with three overnight tours introduced for the first time in 2016 and record bookings for our Lincolnshire coastal marshes tour. We aim to expand the programme further in 2017 and to widen our appeal to attract new audiences, including international tourists.



St Lawrence's, Evesham plays host to a Historic Church Tour in Spring 2016

#### New acquisitions in East Midlands

St Mary's, Freeby in Leicestershire and St Botolph's, Wardley in Rutland, both charming medieval churches in very rural locations, are the latest additions to our estate.

# Candida Lycett Green Lecture draws large audience

Renamed in honour of our former Vice President, the 2015 annual lecture was a great success. The audience of 108 gathered in the chapel of King's College London where TV presenter Dan Cruickshank spoke about Sir George Gilbert Scott and 'The Family that Built Gothic Britain'. The event raised a record sum of over £2,000.

Check out our updated website website at: visitchurches.org.uk

#### Enhancing the visitor experience

This year improving the facilities for, and experience of, visitors at our most-visited town centre sites has been centre-stage. The 'Gateway' programme has seen more than £700,000 of capital investment going into nine churches where there is particular potential to attract and inspire new audiences.

# Roof Repair Fund enables crucial repairs to seven CCT churches

In 2015-16 we have received a total of £583,000 in grant income from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund. This Fund was set up by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport in 2014 to enable places of worship to carry out urgent repairs to roofing and rainwater systems.

This means we can carry out vital repairs at seven churches to roofs and rainwater systems that have been damaged by lead theft, beetle infestation and the ravages of time, making these churches weathertight for future generations.

# Crowds come to discover hidden Somerset

The partially ruined Norman church of St Nicholas in Uphill hosted an enormously successful week-long community archaeology festival in September 2015, working in partnership with Wessex Archaeology with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund. A team of professional archaeologists, including Phil Harding from Channel 4's Time Team, led various interactive sessions, including a full excavation of the medieval church. More than 1,000 visitors attended over the week, learning about cutting-edge archaeological techniques and putting them into practice to uncover the secrets of the church and the surrounding area.

#### New philanthropic circle launched

In September 2015 we launched a new philanthropic group; the Bulmer-Thomas Circle, named after our founder, Ivor Bulmer-Thomas, and focusing on conservation work. Members of the new circle, which is supported by Ivor's children Michael, Miranda and Victor, receive invitations to exclusive conservation-related events, and their donations will go specifically towards our conservation endowment fund and projects.

#### Raising funds for the future

In 2015 we established two new roles as part of our objective to increase unrestricted income and secure the future of our historic collection. A Commercial Manager in each region focuses on developing commercial opportunities, such event and private hire. Meanwhile a Community Fundraiser in each region supports volunteers and friends' groups in raising funds to support our work, including leading on 2016's successful programme of Summer Tea Parties.

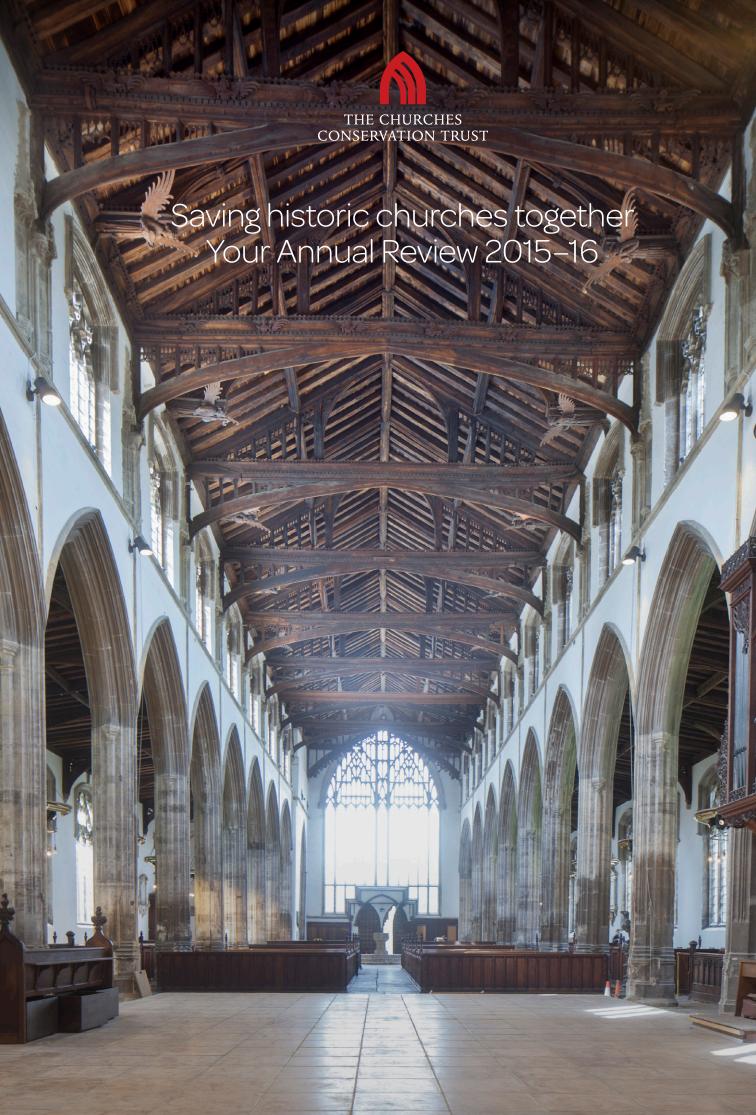
#### Awards for the CCT

Investors in People Silver  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{CCT}}$ 

Civic Trust 2016 Awards AABC Conservation Commendation St Botolph's

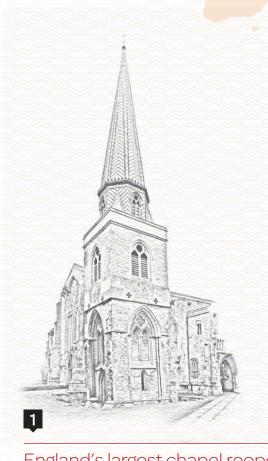
Hudson's Heritage Awards, Special Judges Prize (Best Accommodation) Champing

John Betjeman Award (SPAB) Joinery repair work at St Nicholas', King's Lynn (shortlisted)



# THE CHURCHES **CONSERVATION TRUST**

# Our national collection



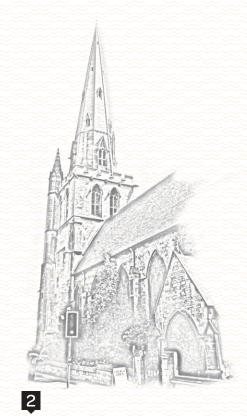
#### England's largest chapel reopens to universal acclaim St Nicholas', King's Lynn

Following a £2.7m conservation and regeneration project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), St Nicholas' Chapel, King's Lynn reopened in September 2015. This extraordinary Perpendicular building was built as a chapel of ease but rivals England's greatest parish churches in size and splendour, its light and airy interior topped with a magnificent angel roof.

Alongside essential conservation work (including releading of much of the roof and repairs to the masonry and woodwork) and the installation of energy-efficient features and up-to-date facilities, the HLF funding has supported new learning and participation activities. 400 adults and

summer programme saw children and families following 'Bizarre Beasts' and 'Faces and Feet' trails around the church, with a town-wide Fairytales and Legends day drawing an extraordinary 380 people into St Nicholas'.

Visitor numbers have doubled since reopening, and the new facilities have attracted a steady stream of event bookings, including several successful concerts and exhibitions, with many more arts events and private hire functions in the pipeline. Just as importantly, St Nicholas' is opened to the public and maintained in good condition by an ever-increasing band of committed volunteers, while partnerships with local organisations from children have taken part in learning events both public and private sectors are leading since reopening, and a very successful to a wide range of future opportunities.



### Arts and Crafts gem finds a new audience All Saints, Cambridge

architect G. F. Bodley's studio. HLF funding events is planned for the coming months.

Situated just beyond Jesus College on the of a volunteer recruitment and training beautiful Arts and Crafts wall decoration complemented by stained-glass windows

Morris and Ford Madox Brown. Thanks to generous support from DCMS and HLF, All Saints has recently benefited from a significant upgrade to its visitor facilities, including a small shop and new interpretation, complemented by

has also made possible the introduction

designed by Edward Burne-Jones, William

edge of Cambridge city centre, All Saints is programme, with 28 volunteers welcoming best known for its spectacular interior, with visitors, running tours and family activities and developing the project.

Since the relaunch of All Saints in April 2016, visitor numbers and donations have risen steeply. 86 pupils took part in Arts and Crafts-themed workshops during 'Sacred Style' Schools Week, and 170 visitors attended family craft events over the summer holidays. Feedback from teachers, parents and children has been evocative soundscapes and a recreation of excellent, and an exciting programme of

Cornwall

**▲** Parracombe

Satterleigh A

Devon

▲ Princetown

C ▲ Torbryan

**▲**Luffincote

Northumberland Tyne & Wear Bywell B Sunderland ▲ Shotley ▲ Ireby Durham Brougham Cumbria ▲ Stanwick Fylingdales A ▲ South Cowton ■ Vale of Lune North Yorkshire Coverham ▲ Birdforth East Heslerton ▲ ▲ Skelton-cum-Newby ▲ Roecliffe Allerton Mauleverer ▲ York Holy Trinity▲ York St Lawrence Stainburn A ▲ Old Langho East Yorkshire Lancashire West Yorkshire ▲ Blackburn ▲ Leeds ▲ Halifax ▲ Becconsall ▲ Tarleton ▲ Copley ▲ Bolton ▲ Barnetby-le-Wold Kirk Sandall Greater Clixby ■ Wentworth Cadeby South Somercotes ■ Edlington Skidbrooke Heaton Norris South Yorkshire North Cockerington Warburton A Normanby-by-Spital A Buslingthorpe Merseyside Throapham A Saundby A Snarford A ▲ Little Cawthorp Littleborough A ▲ Thornton-le-Moors ▲ Fledborough Milton A Derbyshire Low Marnham ▲ Haltham-on-Bain Cheshire Great Steeping Nottinghamshire Lincolnshire Elston 🛕 Cotham A ▲ Kedleston North Barningham ▲ Derby ▲ Haceby Staffordshire Shropshire Little Witchingham 

Brandiston ▲ Preston Gubbals Brentingby **A** Edmondthorpe ▲ Battlefield ▲ Longford Rutland Stretton-en-le-Field Leicestershire East Bradenham Norwich St Augustine's Barton Bendish Withcote A Coston Norwich St John's ▲ Wroxeter ▲ Stirchley Beeby A Allexton Ayston Wakerley Linley 🖺 Blatherwycke Feltwell A Upton Cressett ■ Bridgnorth ▲ Conington West Midlands ▲ Aldwincle ▲ Steeple Gidding West Harling A Northamptonshire ▲ Offord D'Arcy ▲ Long Stanton Wordwell ▲ Worcestershire Richard's Castle ▲ Warwickshire Cambridge St Peter Swaffham Prior ▲ Cambridge All Saints Little Barford Abbotsley Stretford A Chadshunt A Herefordshire Avon Dassett A Bedfordshire

Sound and Art @ St Swithun's takes shape up at Sandwich

An elegant Georgian church in the very centre of Worcester, St Swithun's has enormous potential, but is currently at severe risk from a leaking roof. CCT is planning to approach

DCMS, the staircase allows visitors access to the top of the tower, where they can the HLF for a major grant enjoy views over the lovely to save the fabric and medieval town centre and transform St Swithun's into across the English Channel. a creative space.

Ambitious plans for St Peter's, Sudbury

The only way is

The new tower staircase

at St Peter's, Sandwich, is

now completed. Funded by a generous grant from

donate-swithuns CCT's regeneration team

A Saving Holy Trinity, Sunderland

Donate now at: visitchurches.org.uk/

Built on the edge of the then thriving port of Sunderland in 1718-19, Holy Trinity now stands isolated and in need of major repair. An ambitious £3.6m project is now underway to transform the church into the Canny Space, a new cultural and heritage centre to tell Sunderland's many stories.

Donate now at: visitchurches.org.uk/ canny-space

panels reinstated

Stolen Torbryan

In 2013 two priceless pre-Reformation panels were stolen from Holy Trinity, Torbryan, to the shock and sorrow of all who loved the church and its heritage. Happily, the panels were recovered in 2015 and, following major repair and conservation, are now back in the church where they belong along with excellent new interpretation thanks to HLF support. A huge thank you to everyone who donated to make this possible.

East Ruston

▲ Stonham Parva

▲lpswich 〈G

**▲** Akenham

■ Badley

**▲ Little Wenham** 

Fordwich A

Sandwich St Peter's ▲ 〈 D

Heckingham

▲ Hales

South Elmham

Booton A

Norfolk

has been working with the Friends of St Peter's to put this beautiful church back at the centre of the community. We have now appointed an architect to produce final designs and are preparing to submit funding bids.

Pigeons flying at **Preston Deanery** 

Our Heritage Learning Officer worked with local primary school pupils to tell the story of the various animals depicted in St Peter and St Paul's church, including making papier-maché models to reflect the building's use as a kennel and pigeon tower during the Reformation.

Quay Place: a new heritage and wellbeing centre

One of our flagship regeneration projects, St Mary at Quay, Ipswich opened to the public in autumn 2016 as Quay Place. Developed in partnership with Suffolk Mind, the centre will be a place to meet, discover and connect, offering a wide range of complementary therapies and exercise classes, plus heritage activities and a café serving healthy home-made food.



▲ Furtho

Thornton

Buckinghamshire

Croome A Strensham A

Oldbury-on-the-Hill A

Bristol St Paul 🛕

▲ Clapton-in-Gordano

Brockley 🖺

Sutton Mallet Somerset

**▲** Thurlbear

Langport A

Stocklinch Ottersey

Otterhampton A

Puxton A Pensford

Cameley A

Emborough A

▲ Seavington

**▲** Stockwood

**▲** Bothenhampton

Michaelchurch ▲

Pendock ▲ Little Washbourne

Draycott Cerne

▲ Hardington Bampfylde

● Holcombe Old Dilton ■ Imber ■

Wiltshire

▲ Sutton Veny

■ Whitcombe

▲ Gloucester Shipton Sollars

▲ Leigh Delamere

Maddington Rollestone

▲ Fisherton Delamere

Stratford Tony West Dean

▲ Tarrant Crawford

Oxfordshire

Nuneham Courtenay

▲ Berwick Bassett

▲ Idmiston

Old Dilton

▲ Ashley

**▲**Upper Eldon

Chiselhampton A

▲ East Shefford

Hampshire APreston Candove

Newnham Murren

Wallingford

charity Welcome to our Future.

visitors and lead informal tours of the church, which was founded in Norman times and largely rebuilt in the 19th century, to strength. In 2016 seven CCT churches and is home to some exceptional Victorian

▲ Buckland

Stansted Mountfitchet

Essex

East Peckham A

East Sussex

Kent

Little Hormead A

▲ Little Stanmore

London

**\ △** Cheam

▲ Kingsbury

Hertfordshire

■ Oxhey

**▲** Alburv

Warminghurst ▲
North Stoke ▲
Botolphs ▲ Preston Park

Surrey

West Sussex

▲ Chichester ▲ Tortington

Church Norton

Stansted Abbots

Visitor numbers from April to July 2016 increased 36% over the previous year and the many appreciative comments in the visitor's book make clear that the new

ChampingTM: CCT innovation hits the headlines

Since its initial pilot in 2014, ChampingTM – Jazeera and BBC TV South-East have run church camping - has gone from strength played host to 610 champers with total income of £29,366, an increase from £12,826 in 2015. A new website and leaflet have attracted a wide range of visitors, including groups of canoeists, ramblers, families and international tourists, all keen to experience a night in a CCT church followed by a hearty breakfast.

magazine, website and local radio coverage, and by articles in international publications including The New York Times, The Australian and the Süddeutsche Zeitung.

related pieces, complemented by wide

Further expansion is planned for 2017, including agreements enabling churches in England and beyond to welcome champers of their own.

Check out the Champing programme

To search for more precise locations of the churches using our interactive map, go to visitchurches.org.uk

Membership and fundraising enquiries

Anthony Bennett T: 020 7831 0405

General enquiries

Director of Development

▲ CCT churches

Contact us

Regional enquiries

T: 01132 441 689

T: 01179 309 655

CCT South East

T: 01223 324 442

(locations are approximate)

New visitor welcome approach proves a success St Lawrence's, Evesham

Following the successful 2014 pilot at St Mary the Virgin, Shrewsbury, in 2015 a new interpretation scheme was installed in St Lawrence's, Evesham, including pictorial banners, music boxes and explorer carts for children, plus a new welcome desk funded by community and environmental

Enthusiastic and knowledgeable local volunteers are always on hand to welcome

approach has been welcomed.

ChampingTM has also stimulated extraordinary media interest. All the major UK newspapers, Radio 4, ITV Meridian, Al

for 2017 at: champing.co.uk