



**Gloucestershire  
Historic Churches Trust**



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## Grant Applications

The Trust's Grants Committee considers applications and awards grants in June and December. To apply for a grant, get in touch with the Chairman of the Grants Committee,

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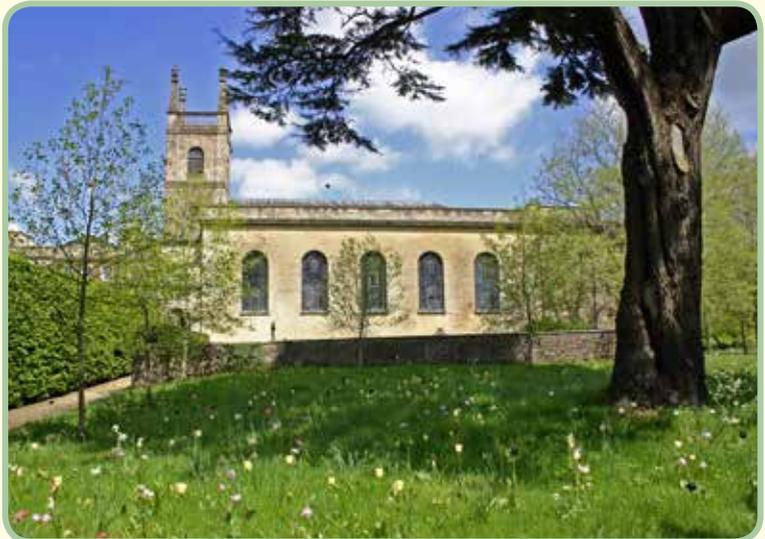
# Aims and Objectives of the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

The Trust aims to:

- ☼ Assist those responsible for the care of places used for public worship which belong to a Christian religious body;
- ☼ Make funds available to help places of Christian worship of all denominations with repairs and improvements to the fabric of the buildings and their contents, as well as their surrounding churchyards;

Accordingly, it seeks to:

- ☼ Maintain a large support base whose annual committed income from subscriptions and donations will give a firm basis upon which to conduct its affairs;
- ☼ Foster an informed appreciation of the history, architecture and beauty of the churches and chapels and so provide a way for the wider community to help to maintain that irreplaceable heritage;
- ☼ Raise substantial amounts of money, primarily through the annual sponsored Ride+Stride, an event promoted by The National Churches Trust and supported by other County Trusts;
- ☼ Co-operate with other bodies making funds available for the purposes set out above.



*St Michael and All Angels, Great Badminton is undergoing a major restoration project, including rewiring the whole church and repairing much damaged stonework. GHCT has contributed £6000 to the project to help pay for stonework repairs.*



## Chairman's Report

I am pleased to report on a year of further progress for GHCT. We have seen a good flow of applications for grants and we were able to increase our donations to a record £150,000 this year, thanks to your continued support, enthusiastic participation in the annual Ride+Stride event and a slight increase in the income from our endowment fund.

We look forward to welcoming many of our supporters to our AGM on Tuesday 26 June at St Mary's Church, Frampton on Severn at 6.00pm. After the formal business we will host a reception for all our Ride+Stride local organisers, and there will be a talk about the beautiful church, so please do come along.

We are reliant on donations from our supporters and are most grateful to all of those who sent us money during the year. We do not levy any fixed annual membership fee but instead ask our supporters to donate what they can afford. As well as sending cheques to our treasurer, David Kingsmill, Holm Oak Barn, Hidcote Boyce, Chipping Campden, Glos GL55 6LX, donors can contribute directly to our bank account: Lloyds Bank Plc, Sort Code 30-92-06 Account 00543967 or through the JustGiving charity website [www.justgiving.com/ghct](http://www.justgiving.com/ghct). The pull-out slip in the centre of this Review has more details.

Glenn Duff, from Spera Computer Consultancy, who organises our annual Ride+Stride fundraising event, works tirelessly to maintain and expand our team of Local Organisers; this is a crucial element of our Regional activities. We are aware that many of our long-standing supporters are exploring other ways of participating and we welcome any initiative. We are now promoting car travel as an alternative for those who no longer walk or ride bicycles! For anyone considering this mode I would like to suggest that they form a group and where possible share their vehicle. Glenn's maps on our website show all places of Christian worship in the Region and can help you plan a fascinating trip. I am indebted to Glenn for all his input and on behalf of you all thank him for his contribution. Anyone who would like to find out more about Ride+Stride can contact Glenn at [rideandstride@ghct.org.uk](mailto:rideandstride@ghct.org.uk).

Jonathan MacKechnie-Jarvis, the chair of our Grants Committee, has also had a busy year. The number of grant applications grows annually, demonstrating how important it is that we can continue to offer our support. Jonathan's unrivalled knowledge of the buildings throughout Gloucestershire is particularly valuable to us in assessing our awards: nevertheless, it is a time-consuming role and I am especially grateful to him for his input. An increasing

number of grant applications are coming from churches in North Bristol, and we are very grateful to Jim Drennan for his local knowledge, which is very helpful to the Grants Committee.

None of this would be possible without the generous contributions from you, our supporters. Many individuals and PCCs send us money and we are most appreciative of this: I would also like to thank the Trustees of many charitable funds which support us and once again we are indebted to The Summerfield Trust, The Stratton Davis Trust of the Diocese of Gloucester and a Whitbread Family Trust for their donations.

You may be aware of the changes brought in by the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May. We would like to assure you that we take your privacy seriously and treat all the personal data you give us with great care. We maintain a database of names, addresses and email addresses which we use to communicate with our supporters. We also hold records of donations from individuals and churches and details about our Ride+Stride Local Organisers. You can find full details about how we use and safeguard your data in our Privacy Policy at [ghct.org.uk/about-us](http://ghct.org.uk/about-us).

We will continue to post our Annual Review to everyone but increasingly we are keeping in touch with you through electronic means. Our e-newsletter is sent periodically by Roundhill Communications, our PR agency, to those whose emails we hold. Please do let us know your email address so we can keep you updated. Any changes to your contact details can be emailed to [hello@ghct.org.uk](mailto:hello@ghct.org.uk) or please complete and send us the pull-out slip in the centre of this review.

The ever-increasing cost of postage and development of modern communication media mean that more and more people will use the internet, Facebook and Twitter to follow us. We are particularly keen to recruit younger people to support us and would welcome any initiative – please get in touch with me if you have any ideas on this at [chair@ghct.org.uk](mailto:chair@ghct.org.uk).

We have discussed various initiatives for events – both to raise funds and to maintain contact with you. I feel that there are now so many concerts and other events that it is important to try something different: we did not hold any events in 2017! Please let me, or any other member of Council know if you have any ideas, or if you would like to help organise an event.

This year Ride+Stride takes place on Saturday September 8. Please participate in any way you can, and in anticipation of your ongoing support, I would like to thank all the helpers who make sure that so many of our churches are open, and all those who also provide refreshments and hospitality.

I would like to close by thanking all Members of Council for their time and contribution without which we would not be able to function effectively.

*Nicholas Talbot Rice*

Chairman of the Trustees

# Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

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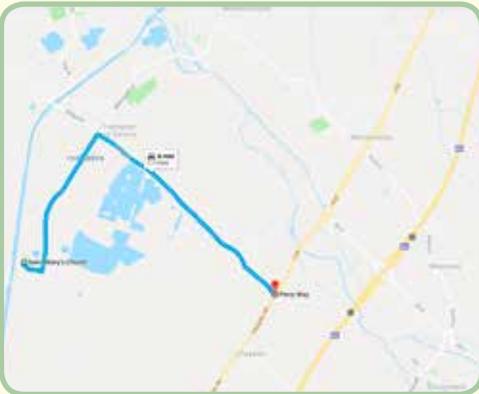
The Thirty-eighth Annual General Meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 26 June 2018 at St Mary's Church, Frampton on Severn.

## AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 7 June 2017
3. Matters arising
4. To receive the Chairman's review for 2017
5. To receive the Summarised Financial Statements for 2017 (Copies of the full accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 will also be available at the meeting)
6. Election of officers:  
Chairman  
Vice-chairman  
Hon Treasurer  
Hon Secretary
7. Re-appointment of Stephen Michael Shelley of Wenn Townsend (Chartered Accountants) of Cirencester as Independent Examiner
8. Any other business



St Mary the Virgin, Frampton on Severn was consecrated in 1315. In 2017 GHCT contributed £1000 to help pay for a new heating system for the church.



Directions:  
From Junction 13 (Stroud) on the M5, turn west (away from Stroud). On reaching the A38 roundabout, turn left, towards Dursley. After only half a mile, turn right to Frampton. On reaching Frampton, turn left along the length of the village green and carry on for 1 mile through the village. Take a sharp bend to the right, passing a Tythe barn on your right; continue straight ahead 200 yards where you will find parking and St. Mary's Church.



The Romanesque font and 19th century organ are highlights inside the church

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Income Funds	Capital Funds	Total Funds 2017	Total Funds 2016
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME:</b>				
<b>Donations, Legacies and Charitable Activities</b>				
Subscriptions & Donations	44,957	-	44,957	43,293
Grant from Diocesan Funds				
Stratton Davis Bequest	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Grant from Summerfield Trust	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Phillips Estate	20,000	-	20,000	80,000
Ride & Stride event – gross income	34,089	-	34,089	42,323
<b>Investments</b>	69,945	-	69,945	64,620
<b>Total Income</b>	188,991	-	188,991	250,236
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>				
<b>Costs &amp; Raising Funds</b>				
Ride & Stride – refund of 50%	20,725	-	20,725	23,044
Other fund raising costs	7,722	-	7,722	7,340
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Grants payable to Churches	150,000	-	150,000	130,000
<b>Other support costs</b>	8,425	-	8,425	8,556
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	186,872	-	186,872	168,940
	2,119	-	2,119	81,296
Gains/(Losses) on Revaluation Of Investments – Unrealised	-	102,987	102,987	127,116
<b>Net Movement in Funds for Year</b>	2,119	102,987	105,106	208,412
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>	112,647	1,647,047	1,759,694	1,759,694
<b>Transfer</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	114,766	1,750,034	1,864,800	1,759,694
<b>Represented by Net Assets comprising</b>				
Investments	-	1,750,034	1,750,034	1,647,047
Debtors and Payments in Advance	-	-	-	-
Short term deposit	211, 816	-	211, 816	162,397
	211,816	1,750,034	1,961,850	1,809,444
<b>Less: Liabilities</b>	97,050	-	97,050	49,750
	114,766	1,750,034	1,864,800	1,759,694

**NOTE:** The summarised statements may not give all the information needed for a complete understanding of the financial affairs of the Trust, but copies of the full accounts, together with the unqualified reports of the independent examiner and the formal reports of the Trustees, have been submitted to the Charity Commission and may be obtained, free of charge, from the Treasurer and are also available on our website.



After a silence of more than seven years, the bells at **St Mary's, Berkeley** rang out again for Remembrance Day in 2017. Cracks in the bell frame had been discovered in 2010; the estimate to fix this and complete other essential repairs came to £100,000. GHCT contributed £6000 towards the project, and Bishop Rachel re-dedicated the bells at a service in January.



**St Peter's Church in Lawrence Weston**, is keen to encourage visitors to the building and develop closer connections with the local community. The first step towards this is reducing the height of the perimeter wall, for which GHCT has contributed £1000. Plans are also in place to make a café corner at the back of the church.



Whaddon church, on the Stroud road just outside Gloucester, is unusually dedicated to St Margaret of Scotland. The Trust contributed a total of £10,000 towards the recent reroofing of the nave and the north porch.



The carpenter and the foreman are here working on a timber repair. Dendrochronology (tree-ring dating) showed that the rafters for the nave roof at Whaddon were of timber felled in 1422. This may also help to date the west tower, which was added in late mediaeval times.



The church of St John's Northgate in Gloucester is the oldest continually used place of Methodist worship in the world.



GHCT has contributed £5000 towards repairs to the roof, rainwater goods and ceilings. Following repairs, the ceiling of the vault gets a new coat of paint.



One of our biggest grants this in 2017, £10,000 was awarded to St Mary the Virgin, Beverston. A major upgrading project has helped to make the church more accessible and useable.



A former fuel store has been converted into a WC, and a new pathway (pictured) installed to it through the churchyard. New pantry fittings have been installed to form a kitchenette in the room below the tower.

## Clock works at Haresfield



The 17th century clock in **St Peter's Church in Haresfield** has been repaired and given an electric winding mechanism, with help from GHCT. It had been silent for more than 30 years.

The brass plate records the gift of the clock after the death of the donor, John Rogers, in 1698, but the clock may be even older.



Four men went to mow: **Haresfield's** remarkable mowing gang! Gordon Savage, second from the left, has been doing this job for fifty years this year. He is helped by (from left) Ben Pillinger, Philip Tudor & Alec Jeakins. The team do their own servicing and one of the mowers is now forty years old.

## Grants to Churches 2017

Arlingham	St Mary the Virgin	
Creation of servery at W end of nave		£1,250
Ashchurch	St Nicholas	
Renew North slope of nave roof etc		£3,500
Bagendon	St Margaret	
Emergency repairs to plaster		£250
Beverston	St Mary the Virgin	
Create WC and meeting area		£10,000
Bishops Cleeve	St Michael and All Angels	
Reordering transepts etc		£7,000
Brimscombe	Holy Trinity	
Repairs to roof		£250
Cheltenham	Cambray Baptist	
Repairs to doorway		£1,250
Cinderford	Our Lady RC	
Install sound system		£300
Cold Ashton	Holy Trinity	
Repairs to roof following lead theft		£5,250
Coleford	St Margaret RC/CofE	
Install sound system		£200
Colesbourne	St James	
Reroofing		£5,000
Cromhall	Evangelical Chapel	
Landscaped and floodlit signboard		£500
Deerhurst	St Mary	
Final stage of relighting project		£750
Doynton	Holy Trinity	
Repairs to tower		£500
Elkstone	St John the Evangelist	
Construct loo in churchyard		£500
Frampton	St Mary the Virgin	
Renewal of heating system		£1,000
Fretherne	St Mary	
Repairs to tower and spire		£10,000
Gloucester	St Catherine	
Reordering chancel		£5,500
Gloucester	St John's Methodist	
Repairs to roof, rainwater goods & ceilings		£5,000

Great Badminton	St Michael and All Angels	Tewkesbury	Abbey
Repairs to stonework	£6,000	Overhaul Milton Organ	£5,000
Lawrence Weston	St Peter	Tormarton	St Mary Magdalene
Alterations to perimeter wall etc	£1,000	Reordering S aisle, create WC etc	£7,000
Longhope	Baptist	Tutshill	St Luke
Reroofing and electrical repairs	£6,000	Reordering	£6,000
Longlevens	Holy Trinity	Twynning	St Mary Magdalene
Redecoration	£1,000	Install support brackets for tower roof	£500
Lydney	St Joseph RC	Warmley	St Barnabas
Install sound system	£300	Reroofing (last phase)	£3,000
Mangotsfield	St James	Westbury	SS Mary, Peter and Paul
New WC, kitchen, floor and seating	£8,500	Repairs to tower and spire	£10,000
Minchinhampton	Holy Trinity	Westcote	St Mary the Virgin
Reordering inc new floor, seating etc	£8,000	Reroofing	£3,500
Miserden	St Andrew	Whittington	St Bartholomew
Overhaul organ	£2,000	Reroofing, new heating, lighting & drains	£7,000
Newnham on Severn	St Peter	Windrush	St Peter
Repairs to stained glass window	£750	Repairs to floor and creation of baptistery	£2,750
Pitchcombe	St John the Baptist	Yate	Methodist
Repairs to masonry and drainage	£10,000	Repairs to ceiling of hall part of church	£250
Sedbury	Sacred Heart RC		
Install sound system	£200		
Stroud	Congregational		
Repairs to windows, masonry etc	£3,000		
Syde	St Mary the Virgin		
Repair to vestry window	£250		



In June the Bishop of Tewkesbury officially opened the new eco-loo at **St John the Evangelist, Elkstone**, which we were happy to support with grants of £3500.



**Longhope Baptist Church** is an unlisted building, which makes life doubly difficult when it comes to fundraising. Many trusts will not help unlisted churches, moreover there is no way of recovering the VAT incurred. The congregation have a major task on their hands with reroofing and urgent electrical repair. The Trust has offered a grant of £4000.

# RIDE+STRIDES

## for Churches



*Rev Tom Keates and walkers from Thornbury starting at St Mary, Shepperdine*



*Martin, riding his 27th Ride+Stride with a team from Christchurch Abbeydale – Gloucester Cathedral was stop 32 of 70!*

Despite the rain, more people made it out to ride, stride or drive around Gloucestershire's churches in 2017 than in previous years - a total of 541 compared with 366 in 2016.

The event raised a total of £46,387, of which some £19,136 was returned to participants' chosen churches.

As well as more cyclists and horse-riders, 2017 was the first year we've actively encouraged drivers to take part – and plenty did, enjoying a day out exploring the area's churches.

We encourage fundraising via JustGiving, which makes it easy to find sponsors and collect the money and we were pleased that more people did so this year – raising £4837 between them.

It's always good to hear how much people have enjoyed the day, and particularly the mouth-watering descriptions of the generous refreshments on offer at our churches. Well done everyone for taking time out of your busy lives to make the 2017 event one of the most memorable so far.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the many churches that give us regular donations, some of which also take part in Ride+Stride! Thank you ALL for your considerable and loyal support. It is a great pleasure to work with you all.

### **Our wonderful under-16s**

Twelve under-16s took part individually this year, up from 10 last year, as well as another 31 youngsters joining in as part of a group.

The winner of this year's Whitbread Trophy for best under-16 goes to Lucy Beevers, who raised a very impressive £561 – half of which goes back to St Catharine, Gloucester.



Jane Lloyd cycled in 2015 but took to the Lido in Cheltenham for 2017's Ride+Stride, completing 100 lengths (3 miles) and raising an impressive £1295.75.

### 2017 Winners

**Whitbread Trophy (best under 16)**  
*Lucy Beevers, St. Catharine, Gloucester*

**John Cannan Trophy (best 16-69)**  
*Jane Lloyd, St. Michael & All Angels, Bishop's Cleeve*

**Holmes Salver (best 70 and over)**  
*Philip Bower, St. Michael & St. Martin, Eastleach*

**Eykyn Challenge Cup (best group)**  
*St. Mary the Virgin, Great Witcombe*

**GHCT Challenge Shield (best church)**  
*St. Mary the Virgin, Great Witcombe*

A big thank you and well done to the other 41 under-16s who took part, raising a total of £990 between them. The long-term future of Ride+Stride lies in all their hands and we'd like to encourage more of our under-16s to take part in 2018.

Thank you also to the parents and any others who accompanied our under-16s to keep them safe & encourage them in their efforts.

*Glenn Duff,*  
GHCT Regional Organiser for Ride+Stride.

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The Ride+Stride 2018 event takes place on Saturday 8 September



*Sarah Hargreave visited more than 600 churches over 9 months*

### Great results for Great Witcombe

An amazing effort by this team of 4 – Bob, Robin, Sarah (pictured) and Sue, who raised £4322, scooping the best group and best church prizes for 2017. Bob, Robin and Sue were out on the day for many hours walking and cycling, while Sarah took on a challenge that we suspect will never be attempted again, never mind achieved. Starting on 1 January 2017 and ending on 9 September 2017 (our Ride+Stride day), Sarah visited over 600 of our churches in her car. She wanted to assess the facilities available for elderly and/or disabled people and identify both positive and negative issues affecting these visitors to a church. Having worn out three tyres and put countless miles on the clock this must be recognised as an incredible personal achievement and an incredible team achievement too!



*Glenn and the team from Ecclesiastical Insurance Group under the GHCT gazebo at Gloucester Cathedral, with treats for the passing cyclists. Our first year with a stand here – check the Spring newsletter for an opportunity to help on the stand in 2018!*

## Find out more about how your contribution is helping local churches

The increasing number of grant applications we receive makes it clear how much our help is needed. Many of us know first-hand how difficult it is for congregations to raise the funds needed to maintain and repair historic church buildings.

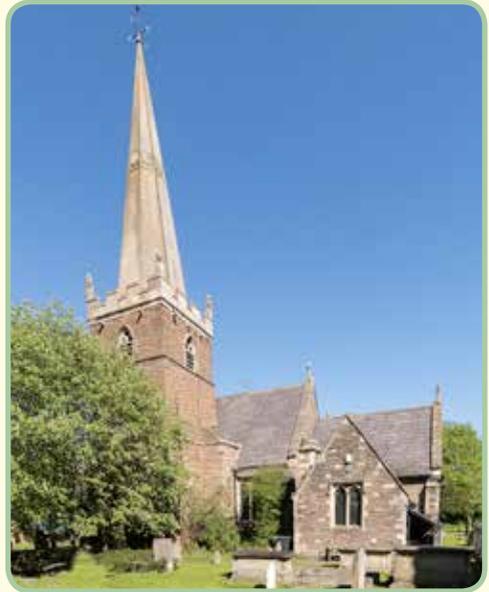
Without your help, none of our work would be possible, and it is hugely appreciated. We'd like to keep you updated with our progress and you can subscribe to our mailing list at [ghct.org.uk/news](http://ghct.org.uk/news) if you would like to receive occasional e-newsletters.

Here's some of the feedback we've had this year:



### St John the Baptist, Pitchcombe

The small community at Pitchcombe, in the Painswick valley, is working hard to raise funds to cover the £160,000 cost of re-roofing, repairing stonework and tackling rising damp, problems revealed at an inspection of the church last year. "We're thrilled to receive this grant which will help us keep the church safe and allow us to increase our pastoral and social work," said churchwarden and Treasurer Rosemary Jones. "It will also help us apply for more grants which require us to raise a certain amount in advance."



### St James, Mangotsfield

In Mangotsfield, the ancient church of St James is adapting to meet the needs of a growing local population. A planned re-ordering project will make the church safer and more useful for the community today, as well as securing it for future generations. "GHCT's £8500 grant is a real boost for the project," said Rev Teresa Taylor, vicar at St James. "Levelling the floor will make the church more accessible, flexible seating will help us make the most of a small space and installing a toilet will mean we can offer valuable community services like a drop-in café, and lunch groups."



### St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester

Nicola Dyer of the Prince's Foundation, acting as Discover DeCrypt Project Manager, said:

“St Mary de Crypt is a city-centre gem – of extraordinary historic importance, but also with huge potential for the future. This generous grant from Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust is vital in restoring irreplaceable historic features such as the dormer windows which give this lovely place so much of its charm and character. We're so grateful for their support in helping the Discover DeCrypt vision come to fruition!”



GHCT Grants Chairman, Jonathan MacKechnie-Jarvis is given a ‘hard hat’ tour of the historic city centre church of St Mary de Crypt, which is being restored along with the Tudor old Crypt school adjoining it, as part of the £2million Discover DeCrypt project. Largely funded by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, the plan is to renovate the buildings and make them accessible, affordable and welcoming spaces for the local community as well as heritage and educational visitors. A £10,000 grant from GHCT will go towards the repairs of the beautiful dormer windows on the church.

## Ride+Stride fundraising champions 2017

Great Witcombe, St. Mary the Virgin	£4,321.75
Kingswood, St. Mary the Virgin	£1,949.50
Bishop's Cleeve, St Michael & All Angels	£1,647.75
Down Ampney, All Saints	£1,616.25
Coln St. Aldwyns, St. John the Baptist	£1,586.25
Dowdeswell, St. Michael	£1,495.50
Gloucester, St. Catharine	£1,115.25
Dymock, St. Mary the Virgin	£1,086.55
Westbury-on-Trym, Holy Trinity	£1,019.00

## Please consider a legacy in your will

If you would like to support GHCT with a legacy, please contact Philip Kendell FCA CTA on 01453 861120 or [pj@kendell.co.uk](mailto:pj@kendell.co.uk) or speak to your own solicitor. We do not prepare wills or codicils believing you should seek impartial advice. We are very grateful for your support.

## A Prayer for Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

Eternal God, who in past ages didst inspire thy servants to build  
in Gloucestershire many churches of both splendour and simplicity;

Strengthen our resolve to preserve and enrich our heritage.

Deliver us from all pride in achievement, and grant us  
patience and perseverance in the face of difficulty.

Prosper our work, if it be thy gracious will,  
that those who come after us may have  
houses of prayer fit for thy name to dwell in,  
and be themselves inspired to lives of witness and service.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*



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