



# BEDS & HERTS

## Historic Churches Trust

**REPORT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

Saving the Past for the Future



# **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

The Trust aims to:

- assist those responsible for the care of places used for public worship in the two counties which belong to a Christian religious body;
- make funds available for the restoration, maintenance, preservation, repair and reconstruction of churches and chapels.

Accordingly, it seeks to:

- maintain a large, supportive membership 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 in the two counties 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 Bike'n Hike, 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. Nicholas, Norton*

## THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2022-2023



Much of the Trust's activity over recently has been focused on administrative changes consequent upon its registration with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organization whose only voting members are its charity trustees. The Commission has approved our new Constitution. This means that most of our work will continue as before, but the Trust, the name of which remains unchanged, is now a legal entity in itself and so able to hold investments in its own name instead of having to entrust them to individual named trustees. This means that we shall be able to invest more widely to achieve an increased income. This will be of considerable importance when we relaunch the Jubilee Endowment Appeal, which we had to suspend at the start of the pandemic. The re-registration requires us to close our existing bank accounts and open new ones, and we had hoped to have achieved this by now, but, in common with many other Trusts, we have experienced long and confusing delays in dealing with the banks. Until we have the new

accounts in operation, and can give details to potential donors, we cannot issue new stationery and publicity materials, which are necessary if the Trust is to be better known in our two counties.

Apart from these frustrations 'normal service' has been resumed after the pandemic. Our church coach tours are up and running again, and we hope to welcome increasing numbers of supporters and friends to learn more about some of the important church buildings scattered around our townscapes and countryside. Our last Annual Meeting resumed its traditional pattern, linking a business meeting with a couple of church visits and an excellent tea. The pandemic made us acutely aware of the importance of the social dimension of our activities.

The primary function of the Trust is to provide grants to assist in the maintenance, repair and restoration of churches in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire and that part of Barnet in the Diocese of St Albans, and, in the past year we have maintained the level of grants awarded (approximately £150,000 to 22 churches), as a result of the splendid result of the previous year's Bike 'n Hike Appeal and our continuing partnership with the Wixamtree Trust; we are deeply grateful to all who helped to make this possible. It was unfortunate that our latest Bike 'n Hike was overshadowed by the death, just two days beforehand, of Her Majesty the Queen. The total raised was down by about one-tenth, being a little short of £91,500. This means that we will have to be a little less generous in the coming year. But the day brought us an excellent result, and we are grateful to all who participated and to our own team of hard-working Organizers.

The year has seen the death of a number of our valued supporters, the most notable being Sir Samuel Whitbread, a former Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, who was the inspiration behind our partnership with the Wixamtree Trust which significantly augments the help we are able to give to churches in Bedfordshire. Another link with the past was severed by the death of Anthea Lepper, widow of one of the founders of the Trust. We are grateful for all they contributed to the Trust over the years.

We were delighted to "sign up" our new Treasurer, Trevor Groom, in September, and he is now engaged in reviewing the structure of our finances to make them simpler and more transparent. All the Trustees join me in expressing our thanks to Madeline Russell for adding the burden of Acting Treasurer to her very considerable role as Bike 'n Hike Organizer for some 18 months.

A major challenge for the coming year will be to raise the profile of the Trust by whatever means we can. Trustees are addressing each Deanery Synod in our Diocese to remind the Anglican community of what the Trust does, and we are using our website ([www.bedshertshctorg.uk](http://www.bedshertshctorg.uk) – have you visited it recently?) and our Facebook presence to share news about the Trust. But the most effective way of telling others about it is word of mouth, and we rely on all our friends and supporters to do this. We do not want it to remain, as it has been called, "the best kept secret in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire".

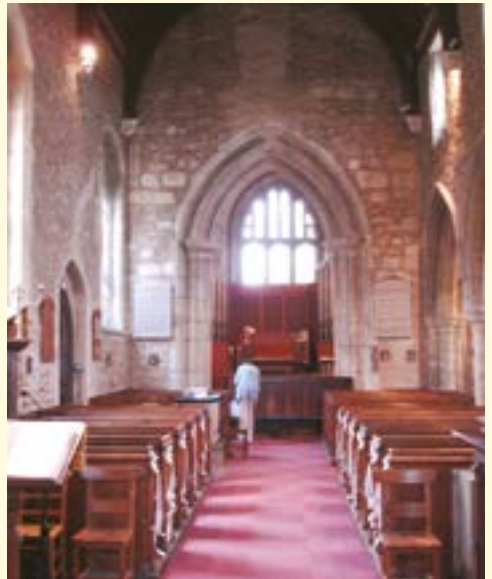
**MALCOLM E. GRANT (Chairman of the Trustees)**



*St. John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley: Parapet repairs*



*St. Andrew Much, Hadbarnham: Henry Moore carvings*



*All Saints, Renbold: Nave floor repairs*



*St. Nicholas, Hockliffe: Drainage repairs*



*St. Mary Harlington: Porch and south aisle repairs*

## GRANTS SECRETARY'S REPORT



With the pandemic well behind us now, all is running entirely as normal.

In recognising the invaluable work undertaken by our Area Representatives I must report the retirement of Bob Hart. Bob has been a greatly valued member of the team for as long as I can remember and from whom I have had unwavering support. I am sure we all wish him well. John Creasey has provided immediate cover for Bedford for which I am most grateful.

The number of awards granted during the year has risen slightly, thirteen in Bedfordshire and nine in Hertfordshire. Whilst the majority of the work is going forward there have been a few situations where projects have not been able to start as originally planned. The Trust is able to accommodate these variations. Business continues to be brisk with currently 29 applications in play.

Our partnership with the Wixamtree Trust continues well and we were again able to deploy our allocation from them. Their annual meeting, which the Chairman and I attended, was at last in-person. This arrangement is an initiative originally proposed by Sir Samuel Whitbread and serves as a fitting memorial to his support.

The Roof Alarm programme in partnership with Allchurches Trust (now Benefact Trust) ceased at the end of June 2022. The installation of an approved alarm guarantees 100% cover in the event of lead theft. Without Allchurches' help and financial support a great many of our churches would still be at risk.

Once again, thank you to all our Area Representatives and I want to recognise and thank the many churchwardens and others who put so much time and effort into looking after our churches and chapels

**Archie Russell, Grants Secretary**



*Stanstead Abbots, St. James*

## DECISIONS ON AWARDS MADE IN 2022/23

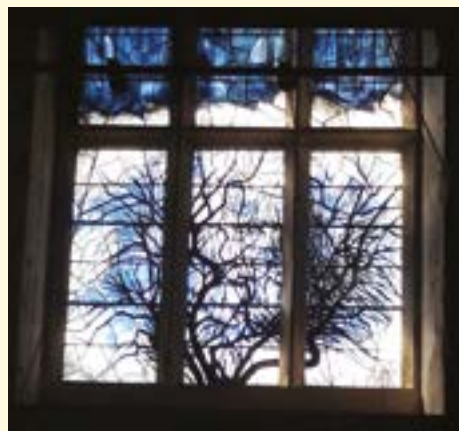
AREA	CHURCH/CHAPEL	TOTAL (£)	SUMMARY OF WORKS
Ampthill	St. Andrew	10,000	Stonework repairs
Baldock	St. Mary	5,000	Roof repairs
Bedford	St Paul	10,000	Repairs to bells and belfry
Billington	St Michael	1,000	Replace rainwater goods
Buntingford	St Peter	1,500	Pest eradication and repairs
Cockayne Hatley	St John the Baptist	10,000	Stonework repairs
Cranfield	St Peter and St Paul	5,000	Repairs to heating system
Felmersham	St Mary	5,000	Reorder east end of nave
Great Barford	All Saints	6,000	Roof repairs
Harlington	St Mary	10,000	Stonework repairs to south aisle
Hatfield Hyde	St Mary Magdalene	3,000	Replace lighting
Hinxworth	St Nicholas	10,000	Roof repairs
Hockliffe	St Nicholas	10,000	Replace rainwater goods/drains
Letchworth	St Paul	8,000	Repairs to roof and external walls
Little Hadham	St Cecilia	5,000	Repairs to north transept
North Mymms	St Mary	2,000	Relocate stained glass
Pertenhall	St Peter	4,000	External stonework repairs
Renhold	All Saints	10,000	Repairs to nave floor
Sutton	All Saints	10,000	Stonework repairs
Turvey	All Saints	6,000	Repairs to tower and spire
Ware	St Mary	10,000	Plaster repairs/ redecorate nave
Willian	All Saints	10,000	Plaster/floor repairs to nave
Total Grants Awarded		£151,500	

Awards were made from the following funds:

Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust	£54,500
Wixamtree Trust	£97,000



*Signing oneself in*



*St. Andrew, Much Hadham Henry:  
Moore stained glass*

## STATEMENT ON THE ACCOUNTS

The summarised Accounts on page 9 have been prepared for this Report. More detailed Accounts will be approved by the Trustees at their meeting in September. We are grateful to our Independent Examiner, Mercer &Hole, for their assistance in this. For much of the last year Madeline Russell has been Acting Treasurer, but in September Trevor Groom was appointed as Trustee and Treasurer, with Madeline continuing as Assistant Treasurer. Any further enquiries on the detail to be found in the summarised Accounts should be addressed to the Secretary, William Marsterson, 64 Blanche Lane, South Mimms, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 3PD.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

The Rev. Canon M. Grant. – Chairman

W.A.J.Marsterson - Honorary Secretary

### **THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

The financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities', Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 102) and Update Bulletin 1.

The full accounts will be filed with the Charity Commission

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.



*St. Giles Codicote, where Trustees meet to award grants*



*Archie and John, BnH 2019*



## Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust

### Income and Expenditure to March 31st

#### Income

Membership	£15,483.63
Donations	£2,690.49
Church Tours	£1,585.50
Bike & Hike	£85,677.08
Gift Aid – Bike Ride	£12,432.26
Gift Aid - Membership	£953.80
Endowment Fund	£1,817.00
Wixamtree to	
Endowment Fund	£10,000.00
Wixamtree	£100,000.00
St. Albans Abbey	£1,000.00
Interest	£5,426.96

£237,066.72

Excess income/expenditure

**-£17,320.04**

£219,836.68

#### Expenditure

Grants	£134,000.00
All churches	£30,500.00
Publicity	£4,853.71
Administration	£4,943.46
Trustee Expenses	£1,292.98
Church Tours	£766.50
BnH Payment to churches	£38,269.23
BnH printing costs	£5,210.80

£219,836.68

#### Balance Sheet

##### Assets

Barclays Current	£5,220.00
Barclays Premium	£312,304.49
Barclays Premium	
Endowment	£102,566.36
CCLA Deposit Accounts	£216,386.52
Reserve for grants	
approved	<b>-£165,500.00</b>

£470,977.37

##### Represented by

Balances @ 1 April 2022	£453,747.33
Surplus for the year	£17,230.04

£470,977.37

Note the assets include £440,501.16 for the Endowment Fund

## THE BIKE 'N HIKE:



As reported in Trust News, the 2022 Bike 'n Hike was overshadowed by the death of Her Majesty The Queen. It was also at the height of concerns about rising prices because of the Ukraine war and energy shortages. It is therefore to everyone's credit that the event still raised £91,040. Thank you to all those who took part in any way and to their sponsors.

Particular thanks to gold certificate winners, for raising more than £2,000: All Saints, Southill; St. Mary, Northchurch and All Saints, Willian. Seventeen churches gained silver certificates for over £1,000 and 46 churches, bronze for over £500.

Half of the sponsorship money – over £39,000 – was returned to churches, whilst the other half plus gift aid of some £13,000 is being used for grants to churches for fabric repair. This means that, together with the £151,500 given in grants, the Trust channelled £190,500 to churches and chapels during the year.

Last year, we reported the £6,226 which had been received by Barclays Bank but not processed. Through the Financial Ombudsman, we received £500 in compensation from Barclays but our Trust treasurer, Trevor Groom, had to ask donors for replacement cheques, helped by a 'mea culpa' letter from Barclays. I am delighted that most of the cheques have been replaced and with the £500 from Barclays, the Trust is not out of pocket. Thank you to Trevor and thank you again to our Bike 'n Hike treasurer, Richard North, for the detailed records he keeps and which underpinned the success of the whole process.

Overall, the Bike 'n Hike relies on a hard-working team of people. Kelvin White as Documents Manager has the mammoth task of getting documents updated, printed and distributed to Area Organisers. Nicholas Tufton as Secretary to the group, keeps us on track. Key to the success of the event are our Area Organisers (listed elsewhere in the Report) and their contacts in churches and chapels in their areas. It was great to welcome Henrietta Buxton, Royston Jones and Ron Sambridge to the team for 2022.

Sadly, we have lost two Area Organisers since the event last year. Both Linda Singleton and Roger Kendrick passed away in the spring – may they rest in peace.

After many years as AO for Watford, Sue Oxlade has retired to York and her place has been taken by Barry Wenham, whom we welcome to the team for 2023.

We still have some vacancies where team members are doubling up and looking after two areas. What is involved is explained on the Trust's website and if you would like to help, please contact me through [bikenhike@bedshertshct.org.uk](mailto:bikenhike@bedshertshct.org.uk).

The Trust remains ever grateful to all who have helped to organise or have taken part in the Bike 'n Hike over more than thirty years.

**Madeline Russell, Trustee Bike'n Hike**

## THE SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE, 2022 FINAL RESULTS BY AREA

COUNTY & AREA	Area Total (including tax reclaimable through Gift Aid)	Largest church total in Area	
<b>Bedfordshire</b>			
Ampthill	£7,825.50	St. Mary Magdalene, Westoning	£1,589
Bedford	£5,848.75	St. Paul, Bedford	£1,424
Biggleswade	£5,615.75	St. Leonard, Old Warden	£1,520
Dunstable	£3,259.25	All Saints, Leighton Buzzard	£1,617
Elstow	£166.25	Bunyan Christian Fellowship, Elstow	£157
Luton	£807.50	St. Margaret, Streatley	£352
Sharnbrook	£4,438.88	St. Nicholas, Wilden	£966
Shefford	£7,470.74	All Saints, Southill	£3,623
<b>Sub-total Bedfordshire</b>	<b><u>£35,432.62</u></b>		
<b>Hertfordshire</b>			
Ashwell/Stevenage	£6,155.68	Holy Trinity, Weston	£1,393
Barnet	£2,259.95	St. Giles, South Mymms	£869
Berkhamsted	£8,526.15	St. Mary, Northchurch	£2,411
Bishop's Stortford	£1,203.75	St. Mary the Virgin, Braughing	£446
Buntingford	£8,320.75	St. Mary, Reed	£1,816
Cheshunt	£2,462.75	St. Augustine, Broxbourne	£991
Harpenden/Wheathampstead	£2,821.75	All Saints, Harpenden	£815
Hemel Hempstead	£1,824.40	St. Mary, Apsley End	£720
Hertford & Ware	£5,912.00	St. Mary the Virgin, Essendon	£1,234
Hitchin	£6,654.00	All Saints, Willian	£2,161
Rickmansworth	N/A		
St. Albans & Aldenham	£2,209.00	St. Paul, St. Albans	£681
Watford & Bushey	£699.32	St. Michael & All Angels, Watford	£495
Welwyn/Hatfield	£4,132.00	St. Mary, Welwyn	£1,100
<b>Sub-total Hertfordshire</b>	<b><u>£53,181.50</u></b>		
Donations etc.	£2,426.25		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£91,040.37</u></b>		

### Notes:

- (1) The estimates of tax reclaimable under Gift Aid in 2022 are as claimed and paid.
- (2) Like most other county trusts, the Beds & Herts HCT undertakes the claiming of the Gift Aid, and uses all the money so received to fund grants to churches in need of repair.
- (3) Rickmansworth Area unfortunately could not be included again this year, for want of an Area Organiser.

## CORPORATE MEMBERS OF THE TRUST

The Trust places much importance on the growth in the number of corporate members. For a few years now it has been a condition of grant that applicant churches be members. We also strongly appreciate the membership and commitment of non-applicant churches.

The number of Corporate Members has increased from 259 to 268, including a number of Non-conformist churches. However some churches appear to have let their membership lapse: please contact Jim May, if you wish to be reinstated. There are 337 Personal Members: last year there were 348. It is clear that individual and family membership numbers are falling. It would be good if existing members could encourage their friends to join.

There are over 600 churches and chapels in our two counties, so we have a long way to go. It would be very pleasing if all churches which are not Corporate Members were to become so – for a modest subscription of £50 p.a. If your church or chapel is not a member, please encourage those responsible to apply to Jim May, who has responsibility for Membership and the database. If you believe it should have been included on the list, please notify him directly.

### Current Corporate Members:

Abbots Langley, St Lawrence	Buntingford, St. Peter	Great Barford, All Saints
Ampthill, St Andrew	Caddington, All Saints	Great Berkhamsted, St Peter
Anstey, S. George	Caldecote, All Saints	Great Gaddesden, St John the Baptist
Ardeley, St Lawrence	Campton, All Saints	Great Hormead, St. Nicholas
Arkley, St. Peter	Cardington, Howard Memorial Ch	Great Wymondley, St Mary the Virgin
Arlesey, St Peter	Cardington, St. Mary	Haldens, Christ The King
Ashwell United Reformed Church	Carlton, St Mary the Virgin	Harpenden, St John the Baptist
Ashwell, St Mary the Virgin	Chalgrave, All Saints	Harrold URC
Aspenden, St Mary	Cheshunt, St Mary the Virgin	Harrold, St Peter and All Saints
Aspley Guise, St Botolph	Chipping Barnet, St John the Baptist	Hatfield, St Etheldreda
Aston, St. Mary	Clapham, St Thomas à Becket /Cant	Hatfield Hyde, St Mary Magdalene
Ayot St Lawrence, St Lawrence	Clifton, All Saints	Haynes Methodist Church
Ayot St Peter, St Peter	Clophill Methodist Church	Haynes, St Mary
Baldock, St Mary the Virgin	Clophill, St. Mary the Virgin	Heath and Reach, St Leonard
Baldock Methodist Church	Clothall, St. Mary the Virgin	Hemel Hempstead, St. Alban
Barkway, St Mary Magdalene	Cockayne Hatley, St John the Baptist	Hemel Hempstead, St. Benedict
Barley, St Margaret of Antioch	Codicote, St Giles	Hemel Hempstead, St Mary
Barnet Vale, St. Mark	Colmworth, St Denys	Henlow, St Mary
Bayford, St Mary	Cople, All Saints	Hertford Quaker Meeting
Bedford, All Saints	Cottered, St John the Baptist	Hertford, All Saints
Bedford, Bunyan Meeting	Cranfield, St Peter and St Paul	Hertford, St Andrew
Bedford, Christ Church	Croxley Green Methodist Church	Hertingfordbury, St Mary
Bedford Pentecostal Church	Cuffley, St. Andrew	Hexton, St Faith
Bedford, Priory Methodist Church	Dunstable, St. Augustine	Hinxworth, St Nicholas
Bedford, Rutland Road Free Church	Dunstable, Priory Church of St Peter	Hitchin, Holy Saviour
Bedford, St. Mark	Dunstable, St Fremund the Martyr	Hitchin, Walsworth Road Baptist Church
Bedford, St. Michael and All Angels	Dunstable, St Mary	Hockerill, All Saints
Bedford, St. Paul	Dunton, St Mary Magdalene	Hockliffe, St Nicholas
Bedford, St Peter and St Cuthbert	Eaton Bray, St Mary the Virgin	Holwell, St Peter
Bengeo, Holy Trinity	Eaton Socon, St Mary	Houghton Conquest, All Saints
Bengeo, St Leonard	Egginton, St Michael	Houghton Regis, All Saints
Benington, St Peter	Elstow Bunyan Christian Fellowship	Hulcote, St. Nicholas
Billington, St. Michael & All Angels	Essendon, St Mary the Virgin	Husborne Crawley, St. James
Bishop's Stortford, Holy Trinity	Eversholt, St John the Baptist	Ickleford, St Katharine
Bishop's Stortford, St. Michael	Everton, St Mary	Kelshall, St Faith
Bletsoe, St Mary	Felmersham, St Mary	Kempston East Methodist Church
Blunham Providence Baptist Church	Flamstead, S. Leonard	Kempston West Methodist Church
Blunham, St Edmund or St James	Flitton, St John the Baptist	Kempston, All Saints
Bolnhurst, St Dunstan	Flitwick, St Peter and St Paul	Kempston, Church of the
Boxmoor SS Mary & Joseph RC Ch	Frogmore, Holy Trinity	Transfiguration
Braughing, St Mary the Virgin	Furneaux Pelham, St Mary the Virgin	Kensworth Methodist Church
Brent Pelham, St Mary the Virgin	Goldington, St Mary the Virgin	Keysoe, St Mary the Virgin
Bromham, St Owen	Graveley, St. Mary	King's Walden, St Mary
Broxbourne, St Augustine	Great Amwell, St John the Baptist	Knebworth, St Mary/St Thomas /Cant'y

Langford, St Andrew  
 Langleybury, St. Paul  
 Leagrave, St Luke  
 Leavesden, All Saints  
 Leighton Buzzard, All Saints  
 Letchworth, St Michael  
 Letchworth, St. Paul  
 Lilley, St Peter  
 Limbury Baptist Church  
 Limbury, St Augustine of Canterbury  
 Linslade, St Barnabas  
 Little Berkhamsted, St Andrew  
 Little Hadham, St Cecilia  
 Little Mundens, All Saints  
 Little Staughton, All Saints  
 London Colney, St Peter  
 Luton High Town Methodist Church  
 Luton, Ramridge Baptist Church  
 Luton, St. Anne  
 Luton, St. Mary  
 Luton St. Matthew  
 Markyate Baptist Church  
 Markyate Street, St John the Baptist  
 Marston Morteyne, St Mary the Virgin  
 Maulden Baptist Chapel  
 Maulden, St. Mary  
 Meesden, St Mary  
 Melchbourne, St. Mary Magdalene  
 Meppershall, St. Mary the Virgin  
 Milton Bryan, St. Peter  
 Much Hadham, St. Andrew  
 Newnham, St Vincent  
 North Mymms, St Mary  
 Northaw, St. Thomas á Becket  
 Northchurch, St Mary  
 Northill, St. Mary the Virgin  
 Norton, St Nicholas Preservation Trust  
 Oakley, St Mary  
 Odell, All Saints  
 Offley, St Mary Magdalene  
 Old Warden, St Leonard  
 Pavenham, St Peter  
 Pertenhall, St. Peter  
 Pirton Methodist Church  
 Pirton, St Mary  
 Potters Bar, St Mary the Virgin/All S'ts  
 Pottton, St Mary the Virgin  
 Preston, St Martin  
 Puttenham, St. Mary  
 Radwell, All Saints  
 Redbourn, St. Mary  
 Reed, St. Mary  
 Renhold Baptist Chapel  
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 Renhold Baptist Chapel  
 Renhold, St. Margaret  
 Ridgmont, All Saints  
 Riseley, All Saints  
 Roxton Congregational Church  
 Rushden, St. Mary  
 Sacombe, St Catherine  
 Salford, St. Mary  
 Sandon, All Saints  
 Sandridge, St Leonard  
 Sandy Baptist Church  
 Sandy, St Swithun  
 Sawbridgeworth, Great St Mary  
 Sharnbrook, St Peter  
 Shefford Methodist Church  
 Shefford, St. Michael and All Angels  
 Shelton, St. Mary  
 Shenley Methodist Church  
 Shillington, All Saints  
 South Mymms, St Giles  
 Southill, All Saints  
 St Albans, St Julian  
 St Albans, Marlborough Rd Methodist  
 St Albans, St Saviour  
 St Albans, St Stephen  
 St Ippolyts, St Ippolyts  
 St Paul's Walden, All Saints  
 Stagsden, St Leonard  
 Stanbridge, St John the Baptist  
 Standon, St Mary  
 Stanstead Abbots, St. James  
 Stanstead St Margaret's, St Mary/Virgin  
 Steppingley, St. Lawrence  
 Stevenage, Shephall, St Mary  
 Stevenage, St Nicholas  
 Stevington, St. Mary the Virgin  
 Stewartby United Church  
 Standon, All Saints  
 Stopsley, St Thomas  
 Stotfold, St Mary the Virgin  
 Studham, St Mary the Virgin  
 Sutton, All Saints  
 Swineshead, St. Nicholas  
 Tewin, St Peter  
 Therfield, St Mary the Virgin  
 Throcking, Holy Trinity  
 Thundridge, St Mary  
 Tingrith, St Nicholas  
 Toddington, St George of England  
 Totteridge, St Andrew  
 Totternhoe, St Giles  
 Tring, Akeman Street Baptist Church  
 Tring, New Mill Baptist Church  
 Tring Team Ministry  
 Trowley Hill Methodist Church  
 Turvey, All Saints  
 Walkern & Sandon URC  
 Walkern, St Mary the Virgin  
 Wallington, St Mary  
 Ware, Leaside Church  
 Ware, Christ Church  
 Ware, St. Mary the Virgin  
 Watford, Holy Rood  
 Watford Quaker Meeting  
 Watford, St Andrew  
 Watford, St Michael and All Angels  
 Watford, St Peter  
 Watton-at-Stone, St Andrew & St Mary  
 Westmill, St Mary the Virgin  
 Weston, Holy Trinity  
 Westoning, St Mary Magdalene  
 Wheathampstead URC  
 Wheathampstead, St Helen  
 Whipsnade, St Mary Magdalene  
 Widford, St John the Baptist  
 Wigginton, St Bartholomew  
 Willden, St Nicholas  
 Willian, All Saints  
 Willington Methodist Church  
 Willington, St Lawrence  
 Wilshamstead, All Saints  
 Wilstone, St. Cross  
 Woburn Sands, St. Michael  
 Woolmer Green, St. Michael  
 Wootton, St. Mary the Virgin  
 Wrestlingworth, St. Peter  
 Wymington, St. Lawrence  
 Yelden, St. Mary



*St. Cecilia, Little Hadham*

# THE BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Registered Charity Number 1005697

Joint Presidents	Robert Voss, CBE, CStJ, HM Lord-Lieutenant for Hertfordshire Helen Nellis, HM Lord Lieutenant for Bedfordshire (to 9/22) Susan Lousada, HM Lord Lieutenant for Bedfordshire (from 9/22)
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Bedford	John Creasey	Alan Colley
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Berkhamsted	Neville Scott (acting)	Richard North
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Hemel Hempstead	Neville Scott (acting)	Madeline Russell (acting)
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