

SCT

**Sustaining
Scotland's
Places of Worship**



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More than just stone and mortar

The aim of SCT is to support Places of Worship of all and no denomination.

Our Members have their own dedicated page on our International web site popular with Ex Pats as well as those interested in the heritable assets of ecclesiastical buildings. While important to promote their building perhaps more importantly to the congregations might be our funding opportunities. Funding

often means expensive capital works but we are also keen to help with planned maintenance projects which may forestall greater expense.

Places of Worship come in all sizes, some have important Community value too – and increasingly Funders are keen to support these. SCT will look at every application on its merit, whether in a town or rural environment, whether belonging to a major

denomination or managed by the congregation as a single trust and whether or not it can offer increased use to their community.

Funding is always the thing that keeps people awake at night, and of course there are Funders who will support certain elements of a project. SCT is able to assess your application and direct, or advise where you may get support for certain pieces of your project jigsaw. We're happy to do this and

our expert professional team give Funders the comfort that your project is appropriate in terms of quality and value for money. SCT accounts may show that we disburse (say) £90,000 a year but the reality is that through our contacts and advice applicants will receive many times that amount.

The following are some comments from recent applicants to show the value and importance of our award.



Kirkwall Baptist Church

“Repairs have also protected the fabric of the premises and updated the property as a whole, ensuring its extended life for many years to come”.



St. Brides at Sanquhar

"We realised that the roof was fast becoming an issue and a roof fund established. Application was made to the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Environment Scotland, and the application was approved at the third attempt in 2012. Various other funders were also approached, and it goes without saying that Scotland's Churches Trust were very quick and decisive in providing us with a grant. The number of "small" awards granted were hugely important to us, and it is fair to say that without these smaller grants, the project would not have been possible."



After

Govan and Linthouse

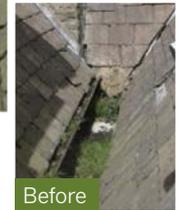
"We now enjoy a more flexible space which we will use to ensure that we employ our building assets over the course of Monday to Saturday as well as for worship on a Sunday. We wanted to share with you the joy we have in our refurbished space, thanks in no small measure to the grant you gave us."



Before



After



Before

Holy Cross

"The survey concluded that whilst much of the main steeply-pitched roof was still sound, the damp problem in the walls was being caused by the inadequate shedding of water from the very top of the gable walls, at the coping ("capping") stones. This in turn was caused by a combination of poor initial design and a lack of recent maintenance."



Perks, Patrons and possibilities

Member Places of Worship also benefit from Bursaries and grants towards improving the use of their church organs and levels of playing skills. The recently established Tunnock Travelling Scholarship allows

organists the chance to visit and learn from world renown organists in the UK or overseas.

Members also enjoy the Annual Marion Fraser Lectures, our Annual Organ Recital and the chance to meet our Patron at the SCT "Gatherings".

Memory Keepers

A new project underway at SCT is the opportunity for Places of Worship to "record" the fixtures and fittings inside their building. Many of Scotland's Places of Worship have changed denomination more than once since they were built. Many also enjoyed patronage from a local Laird or the military.

These additions to the fixtures and fittings as well as perhaps bibles, plaques and images can define who the Scots are. Small teams of trained volunteers, led by one of our Trustees would look to carry out the recording visit over a day or two and the information would be lodged with the church as well as on the Canmore web site.

To find out more of what we do, or to join as a Church or Friend please contact us or visit our web site. Church Membership is £50 a year and becoming a Friend starts at £20.

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