

Worcester St Swithun's

October 2021 Church Plan



Part A - Current Report

Part B - Survey

Results of our open survey conducted in Summer and Autumn 2020, canvassing all community contacts for their reaction to Part A. The survey remains open and available at this location. Please feel free to repeat your survey response or complete the survey for the first time.

Part C – Community Recommendations

Minutes of any community meetings held to discuss the information available in other parts of the Church Plan.

Part D - Action Plan

Details of any actions agreed through Community Recommendations, assigned to community participants, Churches Conservation Trust staff, or to the Churches Conservation Trust Local Community Officer specifically.

Part A - Current Report

Church Introduction & Statement of Significance

The earliest documentary evidence of the church is in 1126 when Eudo, Dean of Worcester, gave permission for the nearby Benedictine priory to build a church on his land. The resulting church was dedicated to Saint Swithun. The tower of the present church dates from the 15th century, but between 1734 and 1736 the rest of the church was rebuilt and the tower was refaced. The architects were Thomas and Edward Woodward of Chipping Campden. In the middle of the 19th century the east window was redesigned by Henry Eginton to accommodate new stained glass. In 1977 the church was declared redundant and was vested in the Churches Conservation Trust. The church is now used as a venue for special services, ceremonies and concerts. A group has been formed, known as the Friends of St Swithun's, to help in the upkeep of the building and to encourage its use by the local community.

While the former church was constructed in sandstone, the present church is built in oolitic limestone. Its classicising style is admixed with some Gothic Revival features. The plan consists of a six-bay rectangle with a west tower. The tower is in four stages, which are separated by string courses, and it has diagonal buttresses. At the west end is a doorway over which is a lintel, and a fanlight whose architrave contains Perpendicular tracery and whose keystone is carved with the head of a putto. Each of the upper stages contains two-light windows with mullions. Those in the second stage have leaded lights, those in the third stage are blind, and the top stage has louvred bell openings. At the summit of the tower is a balustrade and there are crocketted pinnacles at the corners. Each bay along the sides of the church contains a round-headed window, and between the bays there are Doric pilasters. The east end is in three bays, with the central bay projecting forwards. The bays are again separated by Doric pilasters. The central bay contains a Venetian window with lonic pilasters. Above this window is a pediment, and over this is a clock. The outer bays each contain doorways and windows, both of which are round-headed.

The interior consists of a single cell with no division between the nave and the chancel. The roof is rib vaulted, and is decorated with roundels containing Gothic motifs and the heads of

putti. The chancel contains a screen supported by four Doric columns. At the west end is a canted gallery supported by square fluted wooden pillars. Behind it sits the organ. All the windows contain leaded lights, other than the east window which has late 19th-century stained glass by Henry Eginton. The altar is made from wrought iron. On the right side of the nave is a three-decker wooden pulpit, which is reached by a spiral staircase. Above the pulpit is an elaborately carved tester with a crown supporting a pelican feeding her young. In front of the pulpit is a pew containing the elaborate mayor's chair and a sword rest, and throughout the rest of the church there are panelled box pews. The font is in a box pew to the right of the west entrance. It consists of a white marble bowl on a stem, with a mahogany cover. Around the church are a number of monuments, the oldest dating from 1627. The organ originally dates from 1736, but it has been modified since to create the current two-manual organ. The first modifications were made in about 1760, then more were carried out in 1795 by William and Robert Gray, in 1844 by John Nicholson, and in 1955, also though to be by Nicholson. In 2008, because of its historical importance, it was awarded a Grade I Certificate by the British Institute of Organ Studies and underwent a full restoration by Goetze and Gwynn in 2009-10. There is a ring of six bells. Three of these were cast locally in about 1420. The other three were cast by John Martin in 1654. There is another bell that is unused; it was cast by Abraham Rudhall II in 1720.

Current use (bookings) & voluntary activity

St. Swithun's currently enjoys permission from The Church of England for six Sunday services each year and an unlimited number of additional services on an occasional basis. The Church is currently closed to the public while it undergoes major work as part of a Heritage Lottery funded project to turn it into a Sound and Art venue. Prior to this St Swithun's enjoyed regular use both by the public and the friends group. The church has regularly been the site of tour, lectures and talks, both arranged privately and by CCT.

CCT have arranged and managed earning events at St. Swithun's in the last three years including Culture Clash workshops and a We Love the Georgians Sensory Trail.

Local bell ringers have previously enjoyed regular use of the church, often this is the same group who ring at Spetchley, Croome and occasionally Strensham. This is managed through

the CCT booking process and has involved linking up different bell ringing groups at times.

Other uses have included concerts, performances and filming, all of which will continue to be encouraged when the venue reopens.

The local friends group is very active and has worked alongside CCT in the consultation stage of the project. Prior to this the friends group has successfully fundraised for different aspects of the church, including the organ.

While the church is closed the site manager monitors who comes into the church, so any voluntary activity such as cleaning, and wall safe remittance is on hold until the church reopens.

Collection Review

Open Churches Policy status	Open
Local Community Officer:	Leigh-Anne Beattie
Current project:	See attached document
Cleaning schedule:	N/A currently the site is closed for building works
Welcome table:	None while the site is closed
Key holder role:	Fulfilled
Key representative role:	Fulfilled (remittances, CCT liaison, volunteer management, maintenance reporting)
Area volunteer role:	Vacant, not necessary

Fundraising roles:	Vacant and necessary
Stewardship roles:	Fulfilled
Research, interp. & talks role:	Fulfilled by Heritage Detectives and PastPorte
Accessibility details:	Provided via website
CCT silver plaque:	Not installed
CCT information board:	Not installed, requires updating
Oak post:	Not installed, not needed
CCT freestanding board:	Installed
Wall safe poster:	Installed, current
CCT A board:	Installed
Gift Aid envelopes:	Provided
Visitor book:	Installed
Building services:	Electric lighting (LED efficient), underfloor heating, toilets
Parking:	None on site, parking available in the city
Organ:	Present, playable
Churchyard:	N/A

Ring-able bells:	Chiming
Pews:	Sound, no defects
Fire rated capacity:	200
Seating capacity:	Not determined
Site plan:	Available
Roof alarm:	Uninstalled
CCTV:	Not installed
Individual item security measures:	Uninstalled
Nearby attractions:	Worcester Cathedral, Worcester Woods, Museum of Royal Worcester, The Commandary
Public transport:	Worcester train and bus stations
Social media presence:	Yes
Images on CCT website:	One of four
Regular feature parish news:	No
Services per year:	0
CofE support for services:	Yes
Christmas memory tree:	Yes, unsponsored

Tea Party:	No
Historic Church Tour:	No
Heritage Open Days:	No
Ride & Stride:	No
Champing:	No
Retail:	No, possible
Risk assessment general:	Current
Risk assessment fire:	Current
COSHH listing:	Current
Portable appliance listing:	Current
Security Audit:	Current
Children's explorer cart:	No
Children's trail:	No

Conservation reports

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Annualised maintenance costs (Exclusive of VAT): Annualised maintenance costs express the total costs of church maintenance divided by 25 years. Every cost which relates to maintenance is included except the twice-yearly maintenance visit. Any anticipated repairs are also excluded. A list of typical maintenance tasks for any historic church, forecast over the period, is available to view at appendix 2.	£5,356.44
Routine maintenance costs (Per annum and exclusive of VAT):	
Total cost of two maintenance visits per year exclusive of any additional maintenance items included above. A list of the maintenance tasks included in the twice-annual maintenance visits is available to view at appendix 3.	£624.00
Other maintenance costs total (Exclusive of VAT):	
Additional maintenance needs discovered during twice-yearly maintenance visits, costed and listed individually below.	
Total short term repairs:	
Small scale items of limited cost which could be fulfilled with minimal fundraising.	
Total medium term repairs:	
More expensive needs such as roof repairs and tower repairs which may require more involved fundraising and grant applications.	
Total long term repairs:	

Items which are known to require works in the longer term but which are not essential in the near future.	
Total desirable repairs:	
Repairs which are not essential to the conservation health of the church but which might improve aesthetics or usability of the building.	
All cost figures are estimates, exclusive of VAT and professional fees.	
VAT is charged at 20% of the total costs and can sometimes be recovered. Professional fees vary, but are either charged at an hourly rate or as a percentage of the total project cost. These are usually charged only on larger or more complex projects.	

Income, Expenditure & Balances

Income

	Wall Safe	Total Income	
2019/20	£0.00	£0.00	
2018/19	£206.00	£506.00	
2017/18	£389.00	£25,891.00	
2016/17	£611.00	£26,265.00	
2015/16	£1,491.00	£2,491.00	

Visitors

		Wall safe income per visitor
2019-20	1,301	20.00
2018-19	3,150	£0.07
2017-18	3,455	£0.11
2016-17	11,995	£0.05
2015-16	9,795	£0.15

Expenditure

Total spend since vesting (non-maintenance): £540,759.00

	Conservation (repair) expenditure	Maintenance expenditure	Utilities
2019-20	£417,669.00	£242.00	£1.00
2018-19	£78,214.00	£1,694.00	£320.00
2017-18	£0.00	£2,362.00	£306.00
2016-17	£0.00	£2,424.00	£278.00
2015-16	£2,464.00	£2,464.00	£386.00

Balances

The restricted balance is the amount of money which has been covenanted or restricted for expenditure at the church. Any expenditure needs to match the terms of the covenant under

which the money was donated, for example, a term expressing that a donation is intended for roof repairs only.

Restricted Balance Report Jul 2019 £24,833.34

Income less expenditure 2019/20 -£417,912.00

Income less annualised maintenance 2019/20 -£5,356.44

Local Community Officer's Summary

This pretty and popular Worcestershire church benefits from being situated in the middle of the Cathedral city of Worcester, and from having an active and supportive friends group. Additional members of the community support the church well but less regularly through attendance at events.

Currently the church is closed to the public, and when it reopens it will become Sound and Art St Swithun's, a sound and art venue funded by Heritage Lottery funding. There have been several delays to this project, most recently due to Covid-19, and as yet there is no fixed date for reopening.

The regularity of staff who will be present on site when the project reopens presents an opportunity to review the level of contribution from wall safe donations, given that visitors may be currently unaware of our annualised maintenance liability. This message could be amplified through information presented in the church. Interest and use by the other community groups may also enable the community to communicate church needs to the wider public, and extend offers of booked use to this prospective audience for alternative uses.

Marketing could focus on arts and performance groups, as well as historians interested in the local area, seeking bookings to tour the church alongside other popular Worcestershire venues with a related connection, as well as the regular events which will be held at the church. Voluntary effort towards research and interpretation products undertaken by both the Heritage Detectives and PastPorte will facilitate encouragement of these bookings at the same time as enriching the visitor experience further.

Additional revenue could derive from promotion of local, sympathetic businesses seeking to promote services and products through signage at the church.

The Community may need to review some of the options detailed in this summary towards the shortfall against annualised maintenance costs, addressing the risk of necessary repairs wanting for funds in future seasons.

CCT will need to provide a walk around guide and additional notice board signage for visitors early in 2020.

A supply of Christmas cards and a sponsor for the Christmas Memory Tree might also help develop useful income against maintenance liability. The presence of staff at the church may present an opportunity for more CCT items to be sold from here.

Part B - Survey

Summary of consultation responses received by end August 2020

Following distribution of fifteen questions through our standard church plan questionnaire in summer 2020 to existing Churches Conservation Trust correspondents, (together with an invitation for correspondents to share the survey and associated Church Plan Part A), no response was received for Worcester St. Swithun's by the deadline of August 30th.

The response received was from a respondent writing in a **[no response]** capacity, who confirmed that their responses related to the St. Swithun's, Worcester.

In addressing the question of a perfect outcome for our work together at the church the respondent indicated **[no response]**

In writing about challenges anticipated in respect of repair liabilities and running costs, the respondent indicates **[no response]**

Thinking about local life away from the church, in relation to other community projects or activities which might combine with our work to protect the church for the future, the respondent indicated **[no response]**

Considering if increased use of the church might benefit the community, or if increased use might benefit the church itself, the respondent indicated **[no response]**

In relation to identifying conservation priorities for the church, the respondent provided **[no response]**

Regarding priorities, opportunities or ideas for fundraising the respondent noted **[no response]**. In respect of means for initiating fundraising activity, the respondent gave **[no response]**. The respondent also indicated that they would **[no response]** be available to participate in fundraising activity.

In seeking respondents' participation in a future group discussion regarding church planning the respondent indicated **[no response]**.

In answering our final, open question about any additional church matters not covered in other areas of the survey, the respondent indicated **[no response]**.

In addition to responses fielded through the questionnaire, a further **[no response]** respondents wrote back to their Local Community Officer, expressing the following perspectives:

Nil

Part C - Community Recommendations

Part C - Community Recommendations (to follow meetings scheduled for October 2020 - January 2021 ahead of final report April 2021.)

Community consultation has been postponed at this site until the church reopens following the works currently being completed.

Part D - Action Plan

The action plan below has been written for the *interim edition* of the church plan, published at the end of **September 2020**. The action plan, summary of consultation responses in part B above and the initial report (part A) will form the reference material for face-to-face and / or digital meetings between Autumn 2020 and Spring 2021. These meetings, together with review of findings by expert colleagues at The Churches Conservation Trust, will lead to a first full edition of the church plan to be published at the end of March 2021.

As inclusions in the *interim* church plan, the suggested actions listed below under **community actions**, indicated by the survey responses summarised in part B above as well as in the Local Community Officer's summary (part A), are subject to confirmation by community participants.

Community Actions

Short term actions (to end January 2022)

 Agree dates for face-to-face or digital meeting to review church plan Review CCT Cleaning Churches standard and report

Medium term actions (to end June 2022)

Long term actions (to end March 2024)

Actions complete (to end September 2021)

Local Community Officer Actions

Short term actions (to end January 2022)

Publicise reopening in bulletin

Medium term actions (to end June 2022)

• Consider adding video directions to the church for prospective visitors' information

Long term actions (to end March 2024)

Actions complete (to end September 2021)

- Distribution Part A reports for each church to all existing correspondents, together with survey
- Receive, anonymise and collate survey responses and add to Church Plan Part B
- Resolve initial findings, conclusions and recommendations based on Part A & B, expressed as short, medium and long-term actions
- Publish Part A, B & D as Interim Church Plan to colleagues by end September 2020
- Undertake staff consultation against Interim Church Plan by end November 2020
- By end November 2020 review colleagues' feedback regarding updates to church plan part A, to include
- Conservation interpretations
- Presentation improvements
- Champing data
- Complete community audit to identify additional survey respondents and participants in face-to-face or digital meetings by end November 2020
- Repeat survey for additional respondents by end January 2021
- Agree dates for face-to-face or digital community meetings by end January 2021
- Resolve updated findings, conclusions and recommendations based on Part A, B & C expressed as short, medium and long-term actions for each site (Part D)
- Publish Church Plan Version '2021-22'
- Review church web page to ensure clear directions available for all visitors
- Share CCT Cleaning Churches standard and report

CCT Actions Other

Short term actions (to end January 2022)

- Provide interpretation of maintenance and repair plans to further explain anticipated costs described in part A above.
- Share events programme with LCO for publication in the bulletin
- Completion of major project

Medium term actions (to end March 2022)

Long term actions (to end March 2024)

Actions complete (to end September 2021)

Appendix 1: Summer 2020 Questionnaire

This is the first of fourteen questions in the survey - thank you in advance for working through each one. First of all, we need to know if you're completing the survey on behalf of an organisation or writing in a personal capacity (If you're writing on behalf of an organisation, please use the text box to let us know which one. Thank you!)

Which church are you writing about? (Don't worry, you can complete additional questionnaires for other sites if you like!) Please state the location and dedication, as in 'Sapperton, St. Kenelm's'. Thank you.

People are involved with our sites in so many different ways. In your own words, please describe your relationship with the church building.

Some people are actively involved at the churches we look after together. If you're part of this group, tell us about your involvement. Cleaning, attending services and fundraising are just a few of the most frequent activities we share, but we'd appreciate as much detail as you might be happy to provide.

In your own words, and having reviewed 'Part A' of our church plan (sent to you by email with the invitation to this questionnaire), please describe a perfect outcome for our work together at the church. What would you like to see happen in terms of community involvement and other use of the building?

Bearing in mind the repair liabilities and running costs described in the report you've read, what challenges do you anticipate for a sustainable future at your church?

Thinking about local life away from the church, which other community projects or activities are you aware of that could combine with our work to protect the church for the future?

Here are two questions together... Could increased use of the church benefit the community? How would this increased use benefit the church itself? What do you think are the most important conservation priorities at your church? For each or all of these priorities, please also let us know about any ideas you have for addressing them.

Income and expenditure for the church is detailed in 'Part A' of the report we sent you.

Addressing conservation priorities will entail finding new ways to raise funds. Tell us about any ideas or opportunities you have identified for raising additional income at the church.

What do you think might be the best ways to get started with any fundraising activities you have suggested?

If you don't already, would you be interested and available to take part in future fundraising activity?

Almost done! We'd like to invite you to join us in a group discussion about the church later this year, either in person or through 'phone / video conference. Would you be willing to join the discussion?

Last question! Is there anything else you'd like to share about your interest in the church which we haven't asked you already? Otherwise, thank you again so much for reflecting on the future of the church through your answers.

Appendix 2: Typical Maintenance Tasks Forecast - 25 Years (Not Including Twice-Annual Maintenance Visits)

			Estimated	Cumulative
			Cost per	Estimated Total
Item	Method & Purpose	Cycle/Yrs	visit	Cost After 25
			(present	Years (2020
			day levels)	values)
	Below-ground drains can be			
	blocked by debris which stops the			
Drains,	rain water dispersing properly and			
rodding	potentially leading to water backing	1	£ 39.00	£ 975.00
rodding	up and overflowing. To prevent this			
	they require rodding and cleaning			
	even ten years.			
	Soakaways consist of a large pit			
	filled with gravel of varying sizes			
	which act as a filter to allow			
Soakaways,	rainwater to slowly seep into the			
inspection	surrounding ground. Over time			
and	material carried into the soakaway	10	£ 600.00	£ 1,500.00
clearance of	in the rain water fills in the gaps and			
silt build-up	slows the rate of dispersal which			
	can lead to water backing up and			
	potentially damaging or even			
	flooding the church			
	Man safe systems are steel cables			
	or anchor points which are fixed to			
	the roofs of churches to allow			
Mansafe	people to safely access and work			
hatchway	on the roof. As these systems are	1	£ 360.00	£ 9,000.00
system	used for safety it is a legal			
	requirement that they are tested			
	every year for loose fittings or			
	damaged cables.			

	Lightning conductors are required			
Lightning	to be checked every three years to			
	make sure that they are still			
	performing correctly and will be	0	0.400.00	0.4.000.00
conductor	able to disperse a lightning strike	3	£ 480.00	£ 4,000.00
testing	effectively. Metal thefts have often			
	targeted lightning conductors and			
	they may need replacing.			
	Organs are complex machines built			
	using numerous natural materials			
	which can be damaged by			
	moisture, heat and animal attack. It			
Organ	is recommended that organs are	_	0.440.00	0.0.500.00
maintenance	checked every year to carry out	1	£ 140.00	£ 3,500.00
	minor repairs and to be re-tuned as			
	required. Regular servicing can also			
	reduce the likelihood of large			
	unexpected repair bills.			
	Fire extinguishers servicing checks			
	that the fire extinguishers are			
	functional and maintaining adequate			
Fire	pressure for use in an emergency.	_		
extinguisher	Note the CCT only provides fire	1	£ 166.00	£ 4,150.00
inspection	extinguisher in churches which are			
	either stewarded, used for Champing™ or have significant			
	timber items.			
	Electrical tests ensure that the			
Electrical	electrical system of the church is			
periodic	both safe and fully functioning. The	5	£ 350.00	£ 1,750.00
inspection	test will check all elements of the			,
testing	system and highlight any concerns.			
	As items are highlighted as faulty			
Replacement of electrical fittings	through periodic testing and		£ 1,500.00	£ 2,500.00
	maintenance visits they will need to	15		
	be replaced.			
	General wear and tear - Bulbs			
Replacement	require regular replacement. Note	2	£ 250.00	£ 3,125.00
of lamps	LED bulbs will be used where			
'	possible			
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Heating	Annual servicing of the heating			
installation,	system to ensure the efficiency and	1	£ 384.00	£ 9,600.00
servicing	safe working order of the boiler etc.			
	Roof alarms require annual			
Doof clarm	servicing to check that the system			
Roof alarm,	is in good working order and to	1	£ 316.80	£ 7,920.00
servicing	replace minor parts such as the			
	batteries in sensors.			
	All external rainwater Goods (RWG)			
	require redecoration as they are in			
	exposed locations and are exposed			
Rainwater	to significant amounts of water. The			
goods,	redecoration significantly extends	7	£ 1,560.00	£ 5,571.43
redecoration	the lifespan of the RWGs and			
	ensures that they are working			
	correctly and are securely fixed in			
	position.			
	Redecorating the ironwork prolongs			
Internal &	the life of the item and improves the			
external	aesthetic of the church. The	7	0.1.500.00	0.5.057.14
ironwork	redecoration of ironwork also	1	£ 1,500.00	£ 5,357.14
redecoration	provides a good opportunity to			
	inspect the item for damage.			
	Redecorating external joinery			
	prolongs the life of the item and			
External	improves the aesthetic of the			
joinery,	church. The redecoration of	7	£ 1,875.00	£ 6,696.43
redecoration	ironwork also provides a very good			
	opportunity to inspect the item for			
	damage.			
	Minor repairs to the windows such			
	as broken panes of glass,			
Window	replacement of glazing bars, mortar	5	£ 350.00	£ 1,750.00
repairs	repairs or lead work repairs are	3	2 330.00	2 1,730.00
	important to exclude the weather			
	and birds and other animals.			
Bell	Bells require ad hoc inspection and			
maintenance	minor maintenance to fixtures and	5	£ 235.00	£ 1,175.00
Than iteriance	fittings			

	We have a 9 yearly architect or		£ 450.00	
Condition	surveyors inspection plan. When			
inspection	the survey is undertaken all	9		£ 1,250.00
report, all	elements of the church will be	9		
specialists	inspected and a prioritised plan for			
	all required repairs will be created.			
Roof overhaul	Roofs require constant minor			
	maintenance with a major overhaul	7	£ 2,500.00	£ 8,928.57
	every seven years			
Clock maintenance	An annual service of the clock with			
	minor repairs and checks to ensure	1	£ 140.00	£ 3,500.00
	good timekeeping			
	A five yearly inspection of all the			
Tree	trees in the churchyards we are	5	£ 225.00	£ 1,125.00
inspection	responsible for to check for defects			
	and enable us to plan for any			
	required works.			
Churchyard	Grass cutting and minor trimming of	0.5	£ 200.00	£ 10,000.00
maintenance	plants and bushes etc.	0.5	2 200.00	2 10,000.00
Overheads	Office costs to support	1	£ 20.00	£ 500.00
	maintenance planning etc.	ı	2 20.00	£ 500.00
Staff Costs	Staff costs incurred in preparing the	1	£ 97.00	£ 2,425.00
	required inspections and reports	'	2 37 .00	۷ ۵,420.00
TOTAL				
(Excluding				£107,598.57
VAT)				
TOTAL				
(Excluding				£4,303.94
VAT) / 25				24,000.84
years				

Appendix 3: Typical Maintenance Tasks Forecast - (Twice-Annual Maintenance Visits)

Item	Method & Purpose				
Gutters, downpipes and gully clearance	Gutters, hoppers and downpipes are easily blocked by leaves and debris both windborne and dropped by birds which can lead to overflowing and water damage to the building.				
Roof, inspection & replacing slipped/missing slates/tiles	Over time some slates/tiles or the pegs/nails which hold them will reach the end of their useful lifespan. When this happens will allow slates to move from their correct position which can let rain in to the building and potentially poses a risk to visitor as the slate/tiles can fall.				
Vegetation, control of growth	Overgrown vegetation against walls and buildings can hold moisture against the building potentially causing damage and some plant species are invasive. Vegetation can also obscure the building hiding potential damage and can provide shelter for vermin such as mice.				
Tower stairs & boiler room steps, sweeping	Leaves and other debris can build up on steps which could lead to accidents if people slip. Regular sweeping reduces the risk for potential accidents.				
Principal steps and paths, clearance	Leaves and other debris can build up on steps which could lead to accidents if people slip. This is especially the case for churches with trees in the area. Regular sweeping of the steps reduces the risk for potential accidents.				
Wall Safe, servicing	Servicing of the wall safe helps to ensure that the donations can be easily collected and also checks to ensure that there hasn't been an attempt to steal from the safe.				

Appendix 4: Typical Champing™ Arrangements and Related Income

Champing[™] is the exclusive overnight hire of a church to visitors. Camp beds and chairs are set up inside the church, along with tea making provisions, battery lighting, and cushions and blankets to give guests a cosy stay.

Guests book online through the Champing[™] website www.champing.co.uk and these bookings are related to local contacts so everyone knows when visitors are staying. A local member of staff sets out equipment for the night and removes all gear each morning. Guests have exclusive access to the church between 6.00 p.m. until 10.00 a.m. so visitors can enjoy the church during the day.

Champers don't expect much in the way of facilities and understand that these are ancient buildings. For most churches we've installed eco-loos either inside or outside in wooden cabins. We don't allow candles but provide battery lanterns and fairy lights. As most of our churches don't have heating we only operate Champing™ between the end of Marchand the end of October, and we recommend Champers bring warm sleeping bags and extra blankets. We also supply bedding and breakfasts but this option isn't available at all churches. Most Champers will eat out locally or may bring their own picnic.

For those churches without electricity we provide a gas camping stove and we also provide amply bottled water for Champers and all visitors to use.

Typically Champers are couples and families. Some of our churches are large enough to welcome groups of up to 16 people. We are dog-friendly, and child-friendly. Many Champers appreciate the history, architecture, and unique features of their surroundings, and come to learn about the building and its locale through this unique accommodation. We offer those staying for the first time a free CCT membership so they can learn more about our work and consider support for The Trust after their visit.

You can evaluate typical income which derives from Champing[™] in the table below.

Church	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Langport, Somerset	£10,472.40	£2,765.60	£3,809.94	£3,128.00	£20,175.94
Emborough, Somerset		£2,024.30	£1,378.49	£2,625.00	£6,027.79
Chiselhampton, Oxfordshire	£10,156.29	£2,696.40	£5,864.11	£1,705.00	£20,421.80
Wolfhamcote, Warwickshire		£3,001.00	£2,213.77	£1,624.00	£6,838.77
Holme Lacy, Herefordshire		£4,368.80	£4,758.55	£1,004.00	£10,131.35
TOTAL	£20,628.69	£14,856.10	£18,024.86	£10,086.00	£63,595.65