

## ***Church maintenance made easy with MaintenanceBooker***

MaintenanceBooker, a new service to help keep churches in good repair is now available to churches in the Diocese of Truro as part of a national roll-out.

Any church in the Diocese of Truro can use MaintenanceBooker to obtain quality building services from accredited and experienced contractors for a wide variety of essential maintenance tasks.

Using a dedicated website [www.maintenancebooker.org.uk](http://www.maintenancebooker.org.uk) services available include gutter clearance and repairs, lightning protection inspection, tree surveys and maintenance as well as asbestos surveys and removal. More services will be added in later in the year, such as stonework and lime mortaring with bat surveys, and grounds and graveyard maintenance in the pipeline.

For many churches the cost of maintenance can be a major barrier. The good news is that Preventive Maintenance Micro-Grants are available to help pay for the cost of gutter clearance for users of MaintenanceBooker.

### **Preventing large repair bills**

“Maintaining your church building is the bedrock of keeping it open and able to be enjoyed,” says Becky Clark, Director of Churches and Cathedrals, Church of England.

“Simple tasks like keeping gutters and drains clear, identifying problems with trees and properly maintaining them and ensuring stonework is well looked after will help prevent unexpected large repair bills, and can encourage local people, whether churchgoers or not, to take an interest in their church. I believe that MaintenanceBooker will make it easier to keep church buildings in good repair.”

### **Make leaking church roofs a thing of the past**

MaintenanceBooker is a partnership between the National Churches Trust, the UK’s church buildings support charity, and 2buy2, a leading procurement company.

“Tackling essential maintenance tasks sooner rather than later is an investment in your church as a place of worship and can help ensure that its heritage is safeguarded for future generations,” says Michael Murray, Head of Church Support for the National Churches Trust. “Neglecting simple maintenance tasks often results in significant higher repair bills. Using MaintenanceBooker will help avoid this. I hope our new website will make leaking church roofs a thing of the past.”

### **Every company registered is vetted**

Rob Kissick, 2buy2’s Chief Executive Officer says, “Every company registered on MaintenanceBooker is vetted to ensure it has the appropriate qualifications; critical for all church repairs. MaintenanceBooker will save money and ensure that work is carried out by qualified individuals.”

MaintenanceBooker is being rolled out across England and Wales this year with the support of Ecclesiastical Insurance, the UK’s leading church insurer and by the Pilgrim Trust and the Church in Wales.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Preventative Maintenance Micro Grants [www.maintenancebooker.org.uk/grants](http://www.maintenancebooker.org.uk/grants)

A video about MaintenanceBooker is available at <https://vimeo.com/286165812>

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