Draft Order laid before the House of Commons under section 1(4) of the Redundant Churches and other Religious Buildings Act 1969, for approval by resolution of that House.

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ECCLESIASTICAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2020

Made - - - -	**** 2020*
Coming into force - -	*1st April 2020*

The Secretary of State, with the approval of the Treasury, makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1 of the Redundant Churches and other Religious Buildings Act 1969(**a**) and now vested in the Secretary of State(**b**).

In accordance with section 1(4) of that Act, a draft of this instrument was laid before and approved by a resolution of the House of Commons.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2020 and comes into force on 1st April 2020.

Period for grants to the Churches Conservation Trust

2. The period beginning with 1st April 2020 and ending with 31st March 2021 is specified for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Redundant Churches and other Religious Buildings Act 1969 ("the Act").

Aggregate amount of grants

3. The aggregate amount of the grants that may be paid under section 1(1) of the Act in the period specified in article 2 must not exceed £2,789,000.

Revocation of the previous Order

4. The Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2016(**c**) is revoked.

(**a**) 1969 c. 22. The Pastoral Measure 1968 (1968 No.1) established the Redundant Churches Fund and section 13(1) of the Pastoral (Amendment) Measure 1994 (1994 No.1) changed the name of the Redundant Churches Fund to the Churches Conservation Trust. Section 13(2) of the Pastoral (Amendment) Measure 1994 provided that reference to the Redundant Churches Fund in section 1(1) of the Redundant Churches and other Religious Buildings Act 1969 should be construed as a reference to the Churches Conservation Trust. The Pastoral (Amendment) Measure 1994 was repealed by the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 (2011 No.3) and the operation of the Churches Conservation Trust is now governed by section 57 of, and Schedule 5 to, the 2011 Measure (as amended by the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2014 (2014 No.1) and the Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018 (2018 No.4)).

(**b**) S.I. 1970/1681.

(**c**) S.I. 2016/433.

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Date Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Name
Date Two of the Lords Commissioners for Her Majesty's Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Churches Conservation Trust (formerly known as the Redundant Churches Fund) has as its object the preservation, in the interests of the nation and the Church of England, of churches and parts of churches of historic and archaeological interest or architectural quality which, together with their contents, are vested in the Trust.

Article 2 of the Order specifies the period beginning with 1st April 2020 and ending with 31st March 2021 for the purposes of section 1 of the Redundant Churches and other Religious Buildings Act 1969. As a result, the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, make grants to the Churches Conservation Trust during that period of such amounts, payable at such times and subject to such conditions, if any, as the Secretary of State may from time to time determine. Article 3 of the Order specifies the sum of £2,789,000 as the maximum aggregate amount of the grants that may be paid in that period. The previous Order made under section 1 of the 1969 Act is revoked.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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