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Today, Christ Church Reading is announcing a £69,808 grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to provide Heated Pews and urgent repairs to the roof and redecorations in order to create a sustainable future for the church.

Christ Church is a Grade II* listed building of historical and architectural interest which still has an almost complete set of Victorian stained-glass windows. The building was designed by Henry Woodyer, the distinguished architect, who was also responsible for the designs of, among others, St. Paul's, Wokingham and Clewer Abbey, Windsor.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund grant will enable the church to continue to serve the people of Reading and enable the local community to use and take pride in the church and its buildings.

When fully completed the Heated Pews, which will be supplied and fitted by Kovoschmidt Ltd, will enable the congregation to worship in comfort all year and enable our gifted choir to continue to provide beautiful choral music. Details of the heated pews can be found at <https://www.pewheating.com>.

Revd Canon Dr. Peter Day, the vicar of Christ Church, said: **"We are thrilled to have received this support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to National Lottery players we will be able to ensure that the building is capable of being used for both secular and non-secular uses throughout the year."**

Notes to editors

About Christ Church

At Christ Church we offer traditional styles of Christian worship and liturgy. We celebrate the sacraments of the Church, and our devotions are accompanied by beautiful choral music. We take the Bible seriously, but not literally, believing that the transformational Good News of Christ can open up rich possibilities for our faith and lives. Christ Church Reading

About The National Lottery Heritage Fund

Our vision is for heritage to be valued, cared for and sustained for everyone, now and in the future. That's why as the largest funder for the UK's heritage we are dedicated to supporting projects that connect people and communities to heritage, as set out in our strategic plan, [Heritage 2033](#). Heritage can be anything from the past that people value and want to pass on to future generations. We believe in the power of heritage to ignite the imagination, offer joy and inspiration, and to build pride in place and connection to the past.

Over the next 10 years, we aim to invest £3.6billion raised for good causes by National Lottery players to make a decisive difference for people, places and communities.

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