
Save our churches

Sir, Richard Morrison doubts that the Church of England is the right body to “save our churches” (Nov 17). The National Churches Trust, which published its “The Future of the UK’s Church Buildings” report” in 2021, is surely the most qualified body to do this: it is the sole charity supporting church buildings nationwide, is non-denominational and unrestricted regarding listing of these assets. Using Treasury figures, the trust estimates that the yearly social value of churches and the activities that take place in them is £55 billion — twice as much as local authorities spend on adult social care. All parties would do well to lend the trust their support in preserving churches, not least for their national heritage and community value.

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