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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 908**

**ECCLESIASTICAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2015**

*Made* - - - - - *24th March 2015*

*Coming into force* - - - - - *1st April 2015*

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<sup>(1)</sup> and now vested in him<sup>(2)</sup>:

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 2015 and comes into force on 1st April 2015.

**Period for grants to the Churches Conservation Trust**

2. The period from the beginning of 1st April 2015 until the end of 31st March 2016 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 shall not exceed £3,217,000.**

**Revocation of previous Order**

4. The Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2011<sup>(3)</sup> is revoked.

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(1) 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 The Pastoral (Amendment) Measure 1994 was repealed by the [Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 \(2011 No.3\)](#) and the operation of the Churches Conservation Trust is now governed by section 57 of the 2011 Measure.

(2) S.I. 1970/1681.

(3) S.I. 2011/968.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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5th March 2015

*Ed Vaizey*  
Minister of State for Culture and the Digital  
Economy  
Department for Culture, Media and Sport

We approve.

24th March 2015

*Alun Cairns*  
*David Evennett*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her  
Majesty's Treasury

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## 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 this Order specifies the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 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 he may from time to time determine. Article 3 of the Order specifies the sum of £3,217,000 as the 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.