Elizabeth Walter was a sixteenth century Ipswich benefactor, daughter of John Moore, Bailiff of Ipswich and MP for the Borough in 1571.

The Elizabeth Walter Charity was established nearly 450 years ago for the religious education of children, young people and adults. Today, the charity has three purposes, to keep the church of St Lawrence in Ipswich in good repair, to pay towards the stipend of the St Lawrence Preacher and to offer grants for religious and educational purposes in connection with the Church of England amongst children, young people and adults in the Deanery of Ipswich - in other words, to support Christian learning in Ipswich.
What are the criteria for applying?

The Elizabeth Walter Charity is pleased to be able to offer grants, usually between £100 and £2000, for those who meet its criteria below:

1. Beneficiaries must be based in the Deanery of Ipswich in the Church of England Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

2. Church-based projects must be to further Christian learning in Ipswich and are expected to come with the support of their PCC and Incumbent / Churchwarden in a vacancy and school-based projects are expected to come with the support of a Headteacher.

3. Applicants must complete the form found online and return it by the deadlines specified and agree to send in a short report within a year of receiving a grant.

4. Grants given must only be used for the purposes specified unless formal permission is given by the Trustees to do otherwise.

Please note that retrospective grants are not normally given.

Urgent requests should be sent to the Clerk for consideration.
What does the Elizabeth Walter Charity not support?

Regrettably, the Elizabeth Walter Charity is not able to support the following:

1. Causes outside of the Ipswich Deanery
2. Charities, other than churches
3. Causes which do not have the support of church leaders (e.g. Incumbents or Churchwardens in a vacancy) or a Headteacher
4. Requests over £2000
5. Requests that are not to do with supporting Christian learning in Ipswich
6. More than one application per church or school in any one year
What types of project have been supported in the past?

The LIFE Exhibition, an interactive, multi media event about the life of Jesus

Bibles for Year 6 pupils leaving school

‘It’s Your Move’ Scripture Union books as gifts from churches to pupils leaving primary school

Grants towards Summer Holiday Clubs
How do I apply?

Applications forms are simple and can be obtained from the Elizabeth Walter webpage on the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich website.

Please complete as fully as possible and email to Helen Smith, Clerk to the Trustees at clerk.ewc@cofesuffolk.org

Applications are considered four times a year

The deadlines are below:

2021

September 15th

November 1st

2022

February 1st

May 1st

September 1st

November 1st
When can I expect to hear if my application has been accepted?

The trustees usually meet four times a year and applicants can expect to be contacted within a month of the submission deadline date.

What sort of report will I be expected to write and when?

A report of not more than one side of A4 is requested within a year of the grant being given. Beneficiaries are asked to send this report to the Clerk of Trustees. The report should show how the grant was spent, detail the outcomes and highlight any learning. A high resolution photo or short video which can be used publicly should be included.
Supporting St Lawrence Church

The Elizabeth Walter Charity exists partly to support the repair and maintenance of the central Ipswich Church of St Lawrence (see left).

It also supports the ‘St Lawrence Preacher’ who is based at the nearby church of St Mary Le Tower.

The current St Lawrence Preacher is Canon Michael Robinson and the dates he is preaching at St Mary’s are available from the Clerk to the Trustees.