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A former church could be the answer to your prayers if you are looking for a property this Easter, says **Graham Norwood**



1 Fife



LOCATION
Dunbog

GUIDE PRICE
£475,000

AGENT
Savills,
01738 477525;
www.savills.co.uk

The Auld Kirk was built in 1803 and remains unchanged on the outside, with an impressive spire and weather vane. Step indoors and you see a stylish five-bedroom home. It is packed with original features such as tall gothic arches, vaulted ceilings, stained-glass windows and gated piers. There is a wine cellar, raised decking in the garden, and an impressive driveway, too.

2 Leicestershire



LOCATION
Market
Harborough

GUIDE PRICE
£375,000

AGENT
Strutt & Parker,
01858 433123;
www.strutt
andparker.co.uk

This is a compact chapel in a pretty village close to Leicester and Rugby, and was converted back in 1977. There are original twin-timber doors, arched windows, three bedrooms and a split-level drawing room. "The interaction between the main reception rooms and garden makes for a layout that's ideal for entertaining," says the agent.

3 Gwynedd



LOCATION
Blaenau
Ffestiniog

GUIDE PRICE
£435,000

AGENT
Carter Jonas,
01248 362536;
www.carterjonas.co.uk

Capel Maentwrog dates back to the 1850s, when it was a Calvinistic chapel. It is now a four-bedroom home, but still retains chapel windows, slate windowsills and floors, a spiral staircase and a balcony. If the charms inside are not enough, there is a small plot of riverbank across the road with fishing rights on this stretch of the winding Dwyryd.

4 Bristol



LOCATION
Clifton

GUIDE PRICE
£675,000

AGENT
Richard Harding
Estate Agents,
0117 946 6690;
www.richard
harding.co.uk

This former United Reformed Church is one of the landmark buildings in Clifton. It has three double bedrooms, a sweeping carved stone staircase, exposed beams, leaded windows and a spiral staircase. There is also access to a communal garden.

5 Ystrad Meurig



LOCATION
Pontrhydygroes

GUIDE PRICE
£149,995

AGENT
John Francis,
01970 630721;
www.johnfrancis.co.uk

A three-bedroom apartment in an 1873 Methodist chapel in a gloriously rural part of Wales. What's not to like? Accommodation is over three floors packed with original features. Highlights include an open-plan living area with a part-vaulted ceiling, a galleried mezzanine and a communal area encompassing the old altar plus principal stained glass window. The building is in almost 1.5 acres of grounds.

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Property of the week



6 France

LOCATION
Cap d'Antibes

GUIDE PRICE
£2.4million

AGENT
Home Hunts,
0033 9704 46643;
www.home-hunts.com

This 18th-century converted chapel is in the heart of the Cap and oozes *le charme* and character. The ground floor has a large cathedral living room, a kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. Upstairs there are two more bedrooms. One bedroom has a terrace and the other has a bathroom. The garden has a swimming pool and covered terrace. There's a small separate chalet, too.

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10 Lancashire



LOCATION
Rossendale

GUIDE PRICE
£750,000

AGENT
Carter Jonas,
01484 842105;
www.carterjonas.co.uk

St Michael on the Hill was built in 1847. Its recent conversion to a home retained several of the original church features, including reclaimed wooden flooring and a spiral staircase. There are four bedrooms, a music room and gym. The north transept is now the kitchen, and the chancel area is a living room with exposed stonework and columns. Even better is the dining room, which is in the altar and has a half-domed ceiling and arched windows.

7 Italy



LOCATION
Tuscany

GUIDE PRICE
£808,250

AGENT
GK Italian
Property,
020 7993 2967;
www.gkitalian
property.com

Located in the heart of Chianti Classico wine country, this Franciscan church dates back to the 13th century. It has now been converted into a three-bedroom home with open-plan living areas, two bathrooms and a small garden.

8 France



LOCATION
Auribeau,
Cote d'Azur

GUIDE PRICE
£2.07million

AGENT
Savills,
020 7016 3740;
www.savills.co.uk

The 14th-century abbey was part of a centre giving relief to the poor. Now it has eight bedrooms, a pool, beamed ceilings, swimming pool and a boules court. There are also caves that are perfect for the discerning wine collector.

9 Hampshire



LOCATION
Winchester

GUIDE PRICE
£700,000

AGENT
Strutt & Parker,
01962 869999;
www.struttand
parker.co.uk

This former chapel and adjoining cottage have been combined and modernised to make a five-bedroom, two-bathroom detached house with a large garden and private parking. The chapel dates back to 1889 and retains the original woodblock flooring, bell tower and stained-glass windows. It features a crucifixion scene over the raised kitchen area. You can enjoy far-reaching views over unspoilt farmland.