

Parish Share – Questions, Problems and Appeals

Any Questions?

If you have questions regarding how the share is calculated, how it works, or how payments can be made please contact Sharon Taylor-Booth or Nigel Strange

Clergy Number

If you think your Clergy Number is wrong, or if you want to discuss the future staffing level in your parish, contact your Archdeacon or Suffragan Bishop.

Giving Adviser

If you want help to increase the giving in your parish, contact Martin Smith. Your Archdeacon is also willing to speak to PCCs and/or to preach on this subject.

Regular payment by Direct Debit or standing order

We have found that monthly direct debits and standing orders

- better match the DBF's monthly expenditure (which is mainly stipend/salary related) with regular monthly income,
- help the Diocese to better predict cash flow which allows us to carry lower reserve levels,
- assists in communications when problems arise,
- Is administratively simpler

Cash flow Problems

If you are facing cash flow problems at any point throughout the year, please get in touch. If we know and understand we can reschedule your payments. If you pay by Direct Debit the Finance Department will happily debit a nominal amount from your account for a few months, until the situation has eased.

Please do not cancel the Direct Debit at your bank as it can prove difficult to reinstate cancelled arrangements, if you want to alter how much you pay please contact the Finance Department.

Local Variation

The system allows nearby parishes and the deanery to vary the amounts paid by parishes as long as the total paid remains the same. For example, a deanery synod may decide to help one particular parish which would struggle to pay its share by asking all others to pay a supplement; two or more parishes sharing a priest may agree to change the proportion of his or her time that each of them pays for; or a parish with a large eclectic congregation may decide to help a near neighbour which is less well supported. In each case any variation must have the agreement of all PCCs affected. If such an agreement is made, simply inform Sharon or Nigel of the new share levels for each parish affected and they will alter the bills or the direct debits as appropriate.

Appeals

The Parish Share Appeals committee are independent from the Finance & Central Services Committee. The committee consists of members of Bishop's Council and Diocesan Synod and are happy to receive appeals from parishes that believe, their Parish Share has been calculated incorrectly, or is calculated using the incorrect socio-economic banding. Appeals will not be considered with respect to the general system. Appeal requirements can be found on the website at www.chester.anglican.org.uk Appeals should be sent to : The Secretary, Parish Share Appeals Committee, at Church House.

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