

20th September 2017

To Incumbents and Parish Treasurers

"We pool the resources God gives us for the sake of the Kingdom. Generosity is the hallmark of our faith, a desire to help others, to see that none go without, to share what we have – parish share is giving."

Deanery Parish Share Presentation July 2017

Dear Colleagues

We have now received the Parish Share allocation for this Deanery from the Diocesan Finance Office, together with the proposed allocations for each benefice. The Deanery Standing Committee has met to confirm these and also to agree the arrangements for the use of the Diocesan Stipends Fund (DSF) allocation to the Deanery.

The chart below shows the final allocation to each benefice after the two different elements of the Diocesan Stipends Fund have been applied. As a Deanery our final allocation is an increase of about £24,000 on last year's allocation, reflecting the pressures on the Diocesan budget, not least from the cost of stipends.

STROUD DEANERY PARISH SHARE 2018 FINAL ALLOCATIONS AFTER DIOCESAN STIPEND FUND APPLIED					
Benefice	Parish Share before DSF (from DBF spreadsheet)	% of Deanery PS	Bias to the Poor element¹	Inter-deanery Meeting element	Final allocation
Bisley, Chalford, France Lynch and Oakridge and Bussage with Eastcombe	91,468	11.9	2,003.12		89,465
Stroudwater Team	152,275	19.9	3,349.76	17,000	131,925
Minchinhampton with Box and Amberley	117,935	15.4	2,592.28		115,343
Nailsworth with Shortwood, Horsley and Newington Bagpath with Kingscote	59,807	7.8	1,312.97		58,494
The Beacon Benefice	110,052	14.4	2,423.95		107,628
Stroud Team Ministry	154,233	20.2	3,400.26		150,833
Woodchester, Brimscombe and Rodborough	78,637	10.3	1,733.79		76,903
Deanery Total	764,407	99.9	16,816.13		730,591

¹ Allocated pro rata to Parish Share percentage

You can find a reminder of the wider context of Parish Share in the slides from Archdeacon Jackie and Julie Ridgeway's presentation to the well-attended meeting in July. These were circulated and are also on the Deanery website.

Additional detail is in the following appended documents:

1. The spreadsheet from the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) that sets out the calculation for the allocations
2. A copy of the notes from the Head of Finance that accompanied the spreadsheet. This sets out clearly the way the DSF is applied and also includes a small chart summarising the Deanery allocation and the impact of the DSF at Deanery level.
3. A copy of the letter from Bishop Rachel and Colin Rank (Chair of the DBF) following the Inter-Deanery meeting that discussed the use of a portion of the DSF, and the list of Deanery allocations that resulted.
4. The bid that Stroud Deanery made to that meeting, which focused on supporting the formation of the Stroudwater Team after the long vacancies in parts of the team.

We hope that this information supplies all you need to enable your benefice or team to agree how your allocation should be distributed across your parishes and so inform your budget planning for the coming year.

Please can you let us know as soon as possible, and no later than **the end of November**, what the agreed outcome is for your Benefice or Team so that we can pass these figures back to the Diocese for their budgetary planning and to monitor cashflow.

With thanks for all your contributions to the work that support the mission and ministry of the whole Diocese and of this Deanery as a part of it.

Every blessing,



Mike Smith,
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