

2 October 2019

Letter 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,

The Parish Share allocation for the Deanery was received from the Diocesan Finance Office on 31st August, together with the proposed allocations for each Benefice. The message from the Diocesan Head of Finance, which is also appended to this letter for ease of reference, 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. As a Deanery our final allocation is an increase of £18,705 on last year's allocation, reflecting the pressures on the Diocesan budget, not least from the cost of stipends.

The chart below shows the proposed allocation to each Benefice. It follows the Diocesan spreadsheet for the basic amount and then applies half the Bias to the Poor element of the Diocesan Stipends Fund divided pro rata to the benefice allocation of Parish Share. The second half is divided to reflect the relative poverty of each benefice which, while not an exact science does reflect the deprivation of the general population of each area.

The amount allocated at the Inter-deanery Meeting is a reflection of the bid submitted by the Deanery and the distribution between benefices was agreed at the Deanery Chapter in September.

Parish Share will be an item at our Deanery Synod meeting on 9th October and will be an opportunity for further questions.

Additional detail is in the other documents distributed with this letter:

- The spreadsheet from the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) that sets out the calculation for the allocations
- The message from the Diocesan Head of Finance

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 cash flow.

STROUD DEANERY PARISH SHARE 2020 FINAL ALLOCATIONS AFTER DIOCESAN STIPEND FUND APPLIED						
Benefice	Parish Share before DSF (Column AZ on DBF spreadsheet)	% of Deanery PS	Bias to the Poor element – pro rata	Bias to the Poor element - relative deprivation*	Inter-deanery Meeting element	Final allocation
Bisley, Chalford, France Lynch and Oakridge and Bussage with Eastcombe	97,020	12	1705	711	3,000	91,604
The Stroudwater Team	171,097	20	2842	2,842	2,500	162,913
Minchinhampton with Box and Amberley	117,935	15	2132	1,776	6,000	108,027
Nailsworth with Shortwood, Horsley and Newington Bagpath with Kingscote	63,395	8	1136	1,776	3,000	57,483
The Beacon Benefice	110,052	14	1989	1,776		106,287
Stroud Team Ministry	173,296	21	2984	3,552	7,500	159,260
Woodchester, Brimscombe and Rodborough	83,355	10	1421	1,776	3,000	77,158
Deanery Total	816,150		14209	14209	25,000	762,732

* Data suggest that
 Stroud is the most deprived area of the Deanery and so received 25% of fund.
 Stroudwater received 20% of fund
 Bisley Benefice is the least deprived area in Deanery and so received 10% of fund
 Other areas 12.5% of fund each.

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,



Revd Sue Murray
 Area Dean



Margaret Sheather
 Deanery Lay Chair

For the attention of Area Dean, Lay Chair & Clergy responsible for benefices in the Stroud Deanery (First named Church Warden where a parish is in vacancy)

In line with our parish share timeline, I attach the detailed calculations for parish share 2020 for Stroud Deanery.

Just to provide a recap of the calculations & key terms:-

Base allocation (column AD on the attached spreadsheet)

The base allocation of the GDBF 2020 draft budget is calculated with half being based upon clergy headcount & half on usual Sunday attendance.

Where USA has changed significantly, the base allocation will also have changed significantly.

Moderation of annual increases (column AR on the attached spreadsheet)

To limit the increases in parish share contributions to each benefice to a maximum of 4% above the inflation rate used within the GDBF budget - 2.0%. (previous year inflation rate was also 2%) This is the first call on the income from the Diocesan Stipends Fund (DSF). Column BS identifies the increases by benefice – this was something we thought would be helpful to include.

Allocation of Diocesan Stipends Fund (DSF) – not reflected on the detailed workings attached

Following approval at our Diocesan Synod in June 2016, the remainder of the Diocesan Stipends Fund income is allocated as follows:

- Half is allocated to each deanery based on population adjusted for Experian income indexing to provide a clear bias for the poor
- Half is allocated at an annual inter-deanery meeting held each summer as the final part of preparing the GDBF budget for Synod. For 2019, this allocation was made following discussions at the Inter Deanery meeting held on 10th June and Chaired by Bishop Rachel and Colin Rank (Chair of Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance).

So in summary, parish share = base allocation less moderation less allocation of DSF. For your Deanery the figures can be summarised as follows:-

Stroud Deanery	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£	£
Parish share initial allocation after moderation (column AZ)	816,150	791,874	764,407	727,796	
Allocation of DSF – bias to the poor	(28,418)	(22,847)	(16,833)	(10,264)	
Allocation of DSF – as discussed at the Inter Deanery meeting held on 10 th June 2019	(25,000)	(25,000)	(17,000)	(10,927)	
Parish share allocation required from your Deanery	762,732	744,027	730,574	706,605	722,653

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Incumbents & Church Wardens, your Deanery Team are your first point of contact for any queries on this parish share information. Please note each Deanery has absolute discretion on how the bias to the poor element of the Diocesan Stipends Fund monies are to be utilised.

With thanks
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