

## **Parish Share Report to Stroud Deanery Synod 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

### **Parish Share 2019**

At the start of the year this Deanery was asked to contribute £744,027 of Parish Share (after the distribution of the Diocesan Stipends Fund (DSF) allocation). Against that target parishes offered £674,642 which meant there was a shortfall in our potential contribution of £69,385. The December report from the Diocesan Finance Team shows that by the end of the year the vast majority of parishes had paid in 100% of what they had committed, and some had been able to contribute more than their original commitment, which is a great credit to them.

10 parishes showed as not yet having paid in the full amount of their committed contribution and in some cases the contribution to date is as low as 40%. I trust that those of you representing those parishes will follow up this issue as soon as possible and fulfil the commitment made.

The Diocesan Finance team is always appreciative of the hard work that goes in to delivering the Parish Share, so a big “thank you” from them as well as from the Deanery Standing Committee for all the hard work that has contributed to our current total.

### **Parish Share 2020**

For this year the Diocese’s requested contribution from this Deanery is £762,732 (after the distribution of DSF) and the commitments notified at the time of writing total £649,675. Four parishes have yet to notify their commitment but much of this substantial shortfall is the result of benefices that are not planning to meet their allocated share of the Deanery total. This ranges from £3,000 to £50,000 difference. In terms of numbers of responses already notified this Deanery is not in the worst position, but the overall amount committed still needs our collective prayer and action.

Margaret Sheather  
Acting Parish Share officer