

Stroud Deanery Financial Update – February 2024

Deanery Parish Share 2023



Thank you to all Parishes who contributed towards Parish Share for 2023. The interim report we have from the Diocese shows that, overall, the Stroud Deanery contribution for last year was £597,665. Some Parishes were able to contribute more than they originally pledged which helped towards our overall total. The Diocese hoped we would have contributed more and we were just over £16,000 short of our target. We are aware that some parishes are struggling with their finances.

The latest Parish Share reports for 2023 can be found on the Gloucester Diocese website by using the link below and clicking on the Stroud Deanery Report.

www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/parish-finance-gift-aid-legal-advice/parish-share/

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At the time of writing this report (5th February) the total Stroud Deanery Parish Share committed for 2024 is £307,646 with several parishes still to notify us with their pledge amount. Please can you check with your finance person if they have let us know your planned Parish Share contribution for 2024. We really do hope to hear from these parishes soon!



Deanery Administration Function

Thank you to all the parishes that have contributed to the Deanery Administration Function for 2023. Not all parishes were able to help last year and contributions received were not as expected. One parish is contributing in monthly installments which helps both their finances and Deanery Funds as it spreads the cost over the year – we are happy for this arrangement to be set up with other parishes if it assists with parish finances! Sally continues to perform her tasks in a well-ordered manner and can help out in many ways! Thank you Sally!



The method that the Deanery Admin function is financed is by agreement at Deanery Synod in February using a percentage of each Parishes' Parish Share committed for that year. This method was agreed at a previous Deanery Synod meeting. For 2024, we cannot make a clear indication of this percentage as a number of Parishes have not yet given us their commitment. With Deanery Funds being used each month I suggest that in the interim, we use 1.6% of your committed 2024 Parish Share. We can revisit this percentage at the next Deanery Synod.



Remember the question I ended my last update with? Which Church (shown on the left) has a door for long-legged congregation members – It's St Mary's in Frampton-on-Severn!

Now, can you name this Stroud Deanery Church – shown here on the right! It's Ok - you can't read the notice board!

Mike Lambert - February 2024

