

Deanery Administration Function

Income for the Deanery Administration Function (DAF) comes from two sources – contributions from each Deanery Parish based on a small percentage of their confirmed Parish Share commitment for the year and an amount claimed by Area Dean from the Diocese for recorded hours for Administration support.

When the budget for 2021 was presented to Deanery Synod in February 2021, not all parishes had confirmed their committed Parish Share amount for that year – the request from the Diocese is that this amount for each Parish is communicated to them by the end of November of the previous year. The Deanery budget was created using details to hand at that time. During 2021 the remaining Parishes committed to an amount of Parish Share and also contributed to the Deanery Administration Function.

The amount raised by the Deanery for our Administrator by the percentage of committed parish share was more than originally expected.

The Deanery Office was originally situated in an Office in Stroud. During Covid the Office in Stroud was no longer used and it was decided that our administrator should continue to work from home. The rent paid for Office space was therefore discontinued and our Administrator was paid a contribution for working at home expenses – heating, lighting and internet access. The difference between these two amounts created a surplus.

Area Dean support. As mentioned above our Area Dean can claim for Administration Support during the year. Our Administrator records hours that are spent on this task. It is expected to raise at least £1000 per year but in recent years this has been exceeded. In 2021 Covid has slightly reduced the work load. When the budget for the DAF is created an amount of £1000 is used.

In 2021 the Deanery funds increased instead of the expected fall. With this in mind and the state of Parish Finances in general it was felt to help out Parishes a lower percentage contribution was more appropriate.

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