

Stroud Deanery Financial Update – February 2023

Deanery Parish Share 2022

We have received the final Parish Share Report from the Diocese showing that this Deanery managed 99% of the total committed amounts for 2022 - £607,000. Some Parishes were able to contribute more than their pledged amount and some were unable to meet their target. So, thank you to all parishes who have contributed to the Deanery Parish Share total. It has meant that our Clergy have been paid – and we still need them! The Deanery however is showing a shortfall of £170,000 from the requested Diocese amount for 2022. We do understand how difficult parish finances are at the moment.



The Parish Share reports for 2022 can be found on the Gloucester Diocese website using this link www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/parish-finance-gift-aid-legal-advice/parish-share/

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The Diocesan Team is going to undertake a review of how the Parish Share is calculated for each Parish during 2023 for a rollout in 2024. Whatever the outcome may be, money will still be needed to pay for our clergy. For 2023 Parishes were asked to pledge an amount hopefully a little more than 2022. Most of our Parishes having now pledged and our expected total is about £580,000 – 95% of the 2022 total. Please thank your PCCs for their commitment.



Deanery Administration Function



Thank you to all the parishes who have contributed to the Deanery Administration Function for 2022. The receipts and payments sheet for 2022 shows that we ended up with a balance as expected. Following our recent Deanery Standing committee meeting, the percentage requested for 2023 is 1.6% of your Parish Share commitment for this year in order to pay for our Administrator. One parish is contributing in monthly installments which helps both their finances and Deanery Funds and spreads the cost over the year. We are hoping to purchase a new computer for use by our Administrator – the present machine is over ten years old and has been recently showing its age!

Remember the question I ended my last update with?

Who was the pioneer of Sunday schools, born in Gloucester in 1736? – Robert Raikes

Can you answer this question - *Elizabeth Bennet can be found in which book and written by whom?*

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