

Stroud Deanery Financial Update – May 2023



Deanery Parish Share 2023

At the time of writing this update report, we are still waiting for the report from the Diocese showing Parish Share contributions so far this year. We understand that the Finance Department are finalizing the GDBF accounts for 2022 and will release this year's Parish Share report soon.

The Parish Share reports for 2023 can be found on the Gloucester Diocese website using this link - **when available** www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/parish-finance-gift-aid-legal-advice/parish-share/

Deanery Administration Function



Thank you to all the parishes that have so far contributed to the Deanery Administration Function for 2023. Please can you check with your treasurer if your parish has contributed yet – we did send correspondence to PCC treasurers just after the last Deanery Synod meeting. One parish is contributing in monthly installments which helps both their finances and Deanery Funds and spreads the cost over the year – we are happy for this arrangement to be set up with many more parishes if it assists with parish finances!



How's this for a fund-raising idea for your church.....The great mouse hunt — A simple knitted mascot was the inspiration for St Paul's Church in Walton-in-Gordano.

The mascot, a knitted church mouse, known affectionately as "CM", was the centre of attention over the years with St. Paul's holding a number of CM events, including Mouse Suppers and 'The Great Mouse Hunt'.



For the Great Mouse Hunt, children in a local infant school were invited to colour in an outline of CM and St Paul's received 100 colourful mice, 24 of which were hidden in gardens round the village. Children, parents and grandparents all came along to see how many mice they could find. Everyone visited St Paul's to pick up their entry forms, with refreshments and stalls in the church to raise extra cash too.

Thanks to CM, the PCC now have enough funds to take them to the end of the year and to pay their Parish Share contribution too. Well done CM! Could you do something like this for your PCC funds!!!! (Church Times)

Remember the question I ended my last update with?

Could you answer this question from last time - *Elizabeth Bennet can be found in which book and who was the author?*
ANSWER - Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen.

How about this one....

In the Bible, who was the last king that Daniel served under?

Clue – the king with the long name!

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