

PARISH SHARE



THANK YOU

Most churches in our Diocese paid their full parish share last year. It's a lot of money, but it is money which made it possible to proclaim the Gospel in Kent, and for that we truly have cause to celebrate.

But where does the money actually go? How is it spent? Is the money well spent? What is 'the Diocese' anyway?

Let's start with the easy one: 'The Diocese' is all our churches, and all the people who worship or visit them. It's clergy, churchwardens, treasurers, flower arrangers and bell ringers.

It's schools, children and young people and all those who come to Messy Church. It's those people who can't get to church any more but for whom we pray each week.

It's also all the people who work in Diocesan House and the Bishop's office - who are here to support everyone else.

In short, 'The Diocese' is all of us, working together for the glory of God, and Parish Share is the contribution we all make to enable that to happen.

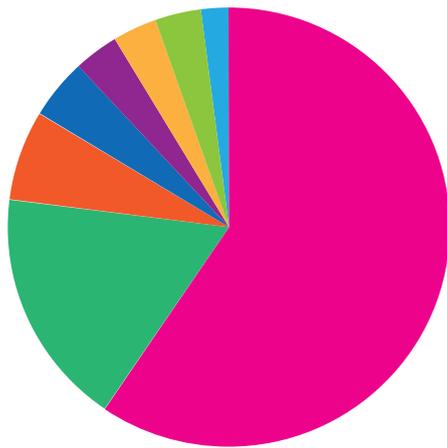


HOW IS PARISH SHARE SPENT?

Most of parish share is spent on ministry – clergy stipends, pensions, housing, council tax and utilities. A big chunk is spent on training ministers for the future. The rest goes on support for mission and discipleship, communities and outreach, children, schools and young people, gift aid and stewardship, safeguarding, senior clergy, finance, administration and communications, not to mention a few national costs.

These services are here for everyone, part of our shared life together in Kent. We can all take part in the things which go on – training for churchwardens or treasurers, or safeguarding, or fundraising workshops. We can organise a Deepening Discipleship course or use the Novena booklets to deepen our prayer lives. We can become involved in ministry through youth and children's work, lunch clubs, drop-in centres, community banks, winter shelters or food banks... parish share makes the possibilities almost endless.

How each £100 of parish share is spent



Clergy Costs
£60

Ministry Training & Curates
£17

Safeguarding & National Costs
£7

Finance & Admin Costs
£5

Children, Schools & Young People
£3

Support for Mission & Discipleship
£3

Communities & Outreach
£3

Senior Clergy
£2

Source: 2016 Diocesan Accounts

WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS?

The Church of England doesn't receive any funding from the state, though the Church Commissioners do have some resources, which are allocated as shown below.

Mission Activities & Ministry Support
£54.1 million

Pensions Expenditure
£122.7 million

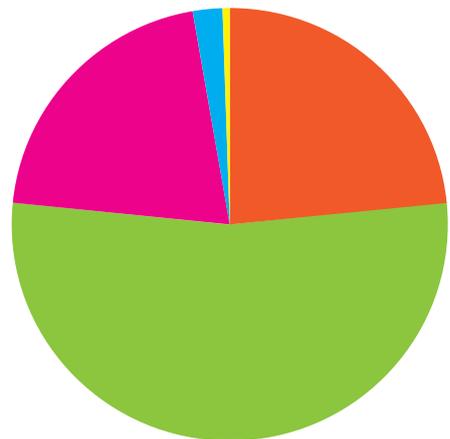
Bishops' Ministry & Cathedral Costs
£48.3 million

Pastoral Re-organisation & Closed Churches
£5.2 million

National Payroll for Clergy
£0.9 million

Source: Church Commissioners

Church Commissioners' Spending



The stewardship team at Diocesan House can work to help you access grants and run fundraising campaigns for particular local projects.

They can also work with you on stewardship programmes to help boost your church's general finances. Parish share can seem like

a lot of money, but it is money which works hard for Christ, sustaining his Church and mission in our Diocese of Canterbury, building on the generosity of the past to fund the present and help us prepare for the future.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU GIVE.



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