



Parish Share Meeting Stroud Deanery

26th July 2017

Welcome & prayer



“All things come from you & of your own do we give you”



Parish Share

What it does & how it works

To resource the Gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere,
and not just where it can be afforded.

Parish Share

We pool the resources God gives us for the sake of the Kingdom. Generosity is the hallmark of our faith, a desire to help others, to see that none go without, to share what we have – **parish share is giving.**

Summary of generosity

	2014 £'000	2015 £'000	2016 £'000
Stroud Deanery	706	688	702
Our Diocese	5,932	6,099	6,296

Your Deanery 2017

Parish share allocation £734k

Diocesan Stipends Fund allocation (£21k)

Deanery allocation £713k for 2017

How do we compare to other Dioceses?

- **Giving to parishes – 17th (*just above Bath & Wells*)**
- **Giving to our Diocese – 36th (*just behind Leicester & ahead of Ely*)**

The above are for 2015 – the latest data that's available at present.

Parish share calculations



2017 budget for our Diocese	£'000
Clergy – stipends, national insurance & pensions	4,529
- housing	1,292
- mission & ministry support	631
- ordinand support	104
	6,556
National Church contributions “Diocesan Parish Share”	542
Central services	1,240
Legal & professional	122
Total Diocesan Budget for expenditure	8,460
Less: Other income (excluding DSF income)	(1,005)
Budget for parish share – base allocation across our Diocese	7,455

“Base Allocation”:

- ½ by clergy headcount
- ½ by usual Sunday attendance (USA)

How Base Allocation becomes Parish Share

- Moderation within the model – cap so that no benefice sees increases of more than 4% + inflation rate used in DBF budget (1.5% for 2017)
- Deanery Moderation
- Stipends Fund support

Stipends Fund

- Previously subsidised all ministry equally, regardless of need
- Now targeted – 1/2 to give a “bias to the poor” & 1/2 allocated from an Inter Deanery meeting chaired by Bishop Rachel & Chair of DBF

Why benefice calculations not parish?
Multi parish benefices...

Where do the USA figures come from?

<https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/index.php>

Annual mission statistics – we take 3 year average, so the USA figures used in the 2017 calculations were those submitted for 2013, 2014 & 2015

Questions

- 1. Clergy vacancies & savings?**
- 2. What if a parish/benefice do not pay?**
- 3. We have very little reserves – what can we do?**
- 4. We think our allocation is incorrect – what should we do?**

Stewardship resources



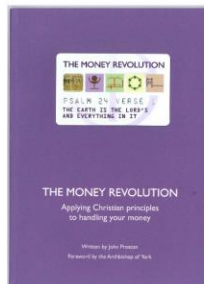
Stewardship

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship put simply is the conscious act of how we give/use our time, skills and money in thanksgiving to all that God has provided. The Familiar offertory response "all things come from you, and of your own do we give you" reminds us that all that we have is sourced from God's provision. Offering these gifts is a joyful act for the sake of God's world and can be experienced and expressed in many ways.

We are encouraged to give time, skills and money to support the work of the church and that of other charities that build God's Kingdom. Much of this giving may be regular giving from our income, but we should also consider what we will do with the wealth we accumulate. Everyone is encouraged to make a will and we have a special section [A time to sow](#) to help people with willmaking matters, and to understand how they might leave a gift to support the Church's work if they would like to do so.

Resources



The Money Revolution helps you apply Christian principles to handling money. Whether we are comfortable, broke, or somewhere in between, we all have questions about money.

The Money Revolution offers a distinctively Christian slant on issues such as:

- Ethical spending
- Credit and Debt
- Savings
- Generosity
- Insurance

At the heart of "the Money Revolution" is a 64 page workbook which summarises five key principles. Short chapters help you apply the principles outlined above to your situation. The book works well for individuals, or alongside a series of home group discussions.

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Giving for Life – Continuing the Journey

Giving for Life helps parishes review their approach to issues of stewardship and generosity, within a context of discipleship. Following a survey of more than 1100 parishes, it is clear that most parishes have made real progress in adopting proven good practice over the past few years.

PCC Review

Parishes are asked to allocate 20 to 30 minutes of a PCC meeting to evaluate their strategy with stewardship, and assess where they might improve their adoption of Good Practice.

There are two principal resources to help: a [4 page Leaders Guide](#) introducing the item and a 2-sided [sheet for PCC Members](#). We've also produced a short video to introduce this ([Click here](#)) and a [PowerPoint](#) presentation to support.

Parish Giving Scheme: If your diocese is one that has adopted the Parish Giving Scheme, you are encouraged to use these versions of [the Leaders Guide](#) and [the PCC Members Sheet](#). Dioceses which have adopted the Parish Giving Scheme as of August 2016 are Birmingham, Chelmsford, Chichester, Exeter, Gloucester, Guildford, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Portsmouth, St Albans, Truro and Winchester. Salisbury parishes are also encouraged to use these versions, as the Parish Giving Scheme will be launched there next year.

Taking Action

The assessment sheet identifies some priority tasks which help encourage giving in the context of discipleship:

- **Preach and teach regularly** about giving in the context of discipleship. It is not the preacher's job to raise the funds for the church, but rather to nurture holistically generous disciples. ([Click here](#) for some resources for preachers)
- Clearly **communicate that giving to the church enables the mission and ministry that flows from it**. Many givers are not aware of the impact of their giving.
- **Hold some form of annual review** of giving. Personal and church finances work on an annual basis, and so it is good to help people review their giving once a year. There are many different ways this can be done. ([Click here](#) for a page with an overview of different programmes)
- **Send an annual, personal 'thank you' to regular givers**. This values givers, and provides another opportunity to see how their giving supports the work of the church. (Some template [Thank You letters](#) are available for local customisation.)
- **Agree a legacy policy** and communicate this to the congregation (see our [legacy resources](#))

Giving
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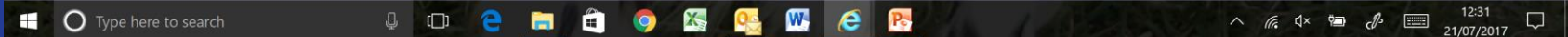
The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a direct-debit system originally developed by the Diocese of Gloucester to provide a professional, effective donation management system to support parishes in funding their mission and ministry.

The Parish Giving Scheme has attracted considerable interest from around the Church and has been adopted as the preferred way of giving by the National Stewardship Committee. The PGS is a charitable company owned by participating Dioceses.

It is anticipated that in the next few years more than half of dioceses will be using the scheme. It could be processing annual donations of over £50 million, from around 70,000 donors, and claiming more than £10 million each year in Gift Aid.

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Any other questions/comments?





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Thank you all very much for giving parish share.

**Parish share is the way in which together we fund
the work of the Church of England in & around
Gloucestershire.**

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10



Thank you & closing prayer

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