

## STROUD DEANERY FINANCIAL UPDATE – April 2026



### Deanery Parish Share 2025

Most Parishes in our Deanery managed to meet their Parish Share Commitment in 2025 with a few managing to contribute a little more. Well done to all!

The full report can be found on the Gloucester Diocese website by using the link below and clicking on the Stroud Deanery Report.

[www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/parish-finance-gift-aid-legal-advice/parish-share/](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/parish-finance-gift-aid-legal-advice/parish-share/)

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At the time of writing this report we have not yet received any Parish Share Reports for 2026. We would expect a report for the first three months very soon. Our total committed for the Deanery for 2026 is slightly down on 2025 – some parishes have committed more than last year and some less – we had hoped to report an increase! However, we appreciate all your efforts. Our goal, and that of the Diocese, is to be able to fund all our Deanery stipendiary clergy in 5 years time through Parish Share contributions.

I'm sure you have all been looking at ways to increase revenue in your Parishes and coming up with various ideas, even if it's combining with other Parishes (to share the organizing skills and required helpers for spectacular events) and then having fun (most important) and sharing the profits!



### Deanery Administration Function



Thank you to all the parishes that have contributed to the Deanery Administration Function for 2025. Sally continues to keep us all up-to-date with items of concern and interest. And, of course, a big "Thank you" to Sally! Don't forget to use the Deanery website - [www.stroud-deanery.org.uk](http://www.stroud-deanery.org.uk)

Thank you to all those Parishes that have already contributed in 2026. Please do check with your treasurer that your parish is contributing to the Deanery Admin function – detail letters were sent out in January. A few Parishes are contributing monthly which helps with their cash flow. We are asking for a contribution of 1.65% of your Parishes Parish Share Commitment.



I hope you guessed correctly that the church on the left this is St Nicholas, Standish

Now for your next challenge - the picture on the right – where is it?



Mike Lambert – April 2026

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