



THE COMMON MISSION FUND



2021

**“Just as a body, though one,
has many parts, but all its
many parts form one body,
so it is with Christ.”**

*1 Corinthians
12:12*

The Common Mission Fund is the mechanism our diocesan community uses to share the costs of our mission and ministry across all our parishes. It is a symbol of our collective belonging together and provides a practical way to respond to God’s generosity to us.



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Mission & Money

We live in a diverse diocese, with some of the most affluent parishes in the country but also some of the most deprived.

The Common Mission Fund is the way in which we all contribute to the cost of mission and ministry across our Diocese, seeking to follow the example of the early church in 'giving generously as each has means.'

This money is crucial to our ability to provide clergy across our benefices, to support parishes with their local mission and ministry, and to offer and maintain practical help and advice.

“ God never gives you a dream that matches your budget. He’s not checking your bank account, he’s checking your faith.”
Anon

Doesn't the Diocese Get Funded by the National Church, or the Government?

It costs over £12m a year to run our diocese. The vast majority (>75%) of our income comes from the generous contributions made through the Common Mission Fund.

Unlike most other dioceses, Winchester has very limited income from historic endowments and investments, we rely on the generosity of our people and our parishes to continue mission and ministry across the diocese.

We ask all parishes to give according to their potential, so that all may receive according to their need.

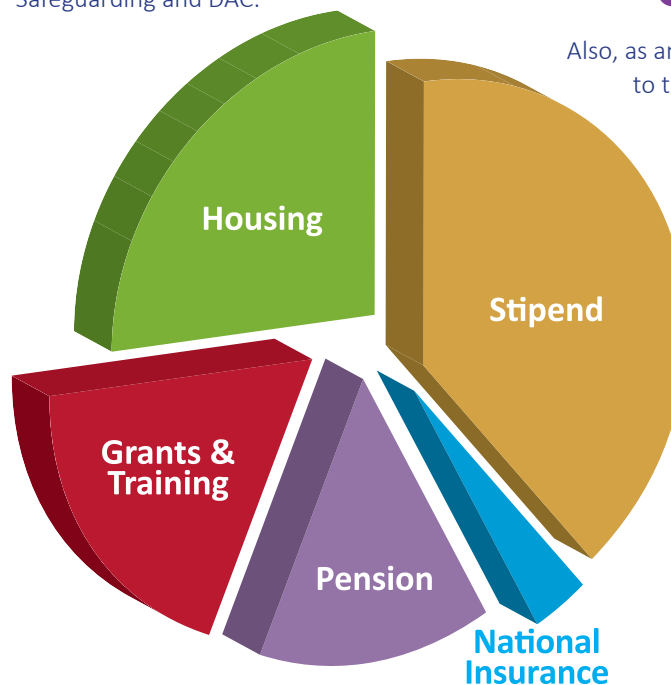


Where Does the Money Given to the CMF go?

Nearly all of what is received through the CMF goes directly back into funding the mission and ministry of our diocese.

Almost all the costs associated with our clergy are paid centrally. It costs £70,000 to put an ordained priest in a Parish. This figure includes the costs of stipend, insurance, training, pension and housing.

Central diocesan costs that are essential to supporting Parish life are enabled through the Common Mission Fund, including Safeguarding and DAC.



Also, as an affluent diocese, we contribute to the central costs of the Church of England. The diocese is part of a wider church, and just as we ask parishes to give to the CMF, we (as an affluent diocese) must support the wider church as well.

£70,000: The finance of ministry – breaking down the cost of clergy



THE COMMON MISSION FUND IN ACTION:

Weston, near Southampton, is one of the 5% most deprived parishes in England. The church there, Holy Trinity, is a place where people meet Jesus and find themselves becoming rich through an experience of God's grace.

The generosity poured into the Common Mission Fund enables Vicar Daron Medway and his team to make a huge impact in the local area:

"Our fantastic youth project sees an average of 200 young people... many young people have come to faith in Jesus and have joined the church! It is only through the combined generosity of our community and partnership with our brothers and sisters across the Diocese that we are able to continue to grow the impact that we can have on our area."

Any Questions?

If you would like to know more about the Common Mission Fund, do get in touch with the Diocesan Team:

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THANK YOU for your continued support to the Common Mission Fund, I am very grateful for your generosity. Your giving has made a difference – Our mutual support of each other sustains ministry across the Diocese.”

*The Right Reverend Tim Dakin
Bishop of Winchester*



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