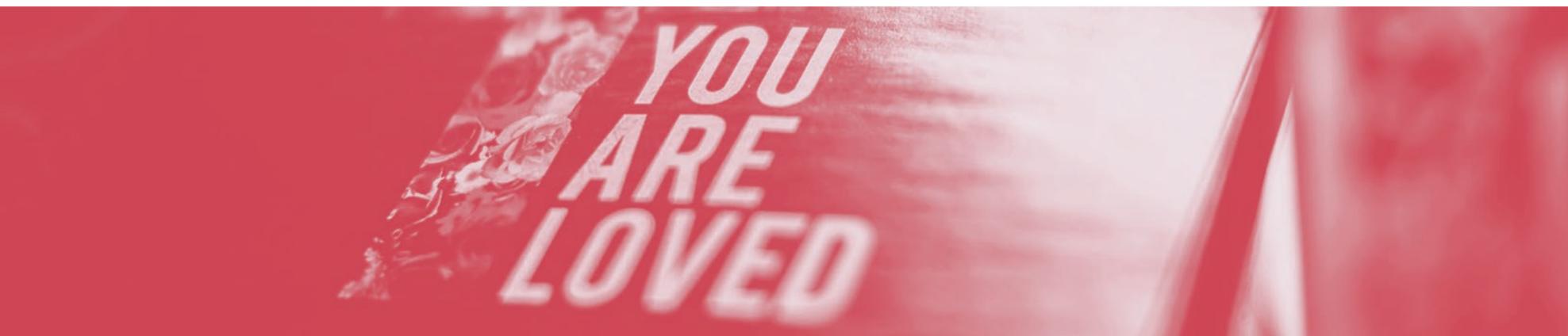


THE COMMON MISSION FUND 2021



The Common Mission Fund is the way in which we all contribute to the cost of our shared mission and ministry. This document sets out not only why your donations are so vital but also to show you how they are used.

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

Anon

Generous Giving

The Rt Rev. Tim Dakin explains more

Generous Giving is how we are shaped by God into generous disciples of Christ, seeking to play our part in growing God’s kingdom. But we know that all of our parishes are unique, with their own blessings and challenges.

The **Common Mission Fund** is the way in which we all contribute to the cost of our shared mission and ministry, 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.

However, this is not just a numbers game. It is a significant part of the way we can all respond to the endless generosity we have experienced in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Through his love, grace and mercy we are able to play our part – we can meet the challenge and sustain the ministry that we are called to across the Diocese of Winchester.



Unity & Diversity in the Body

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

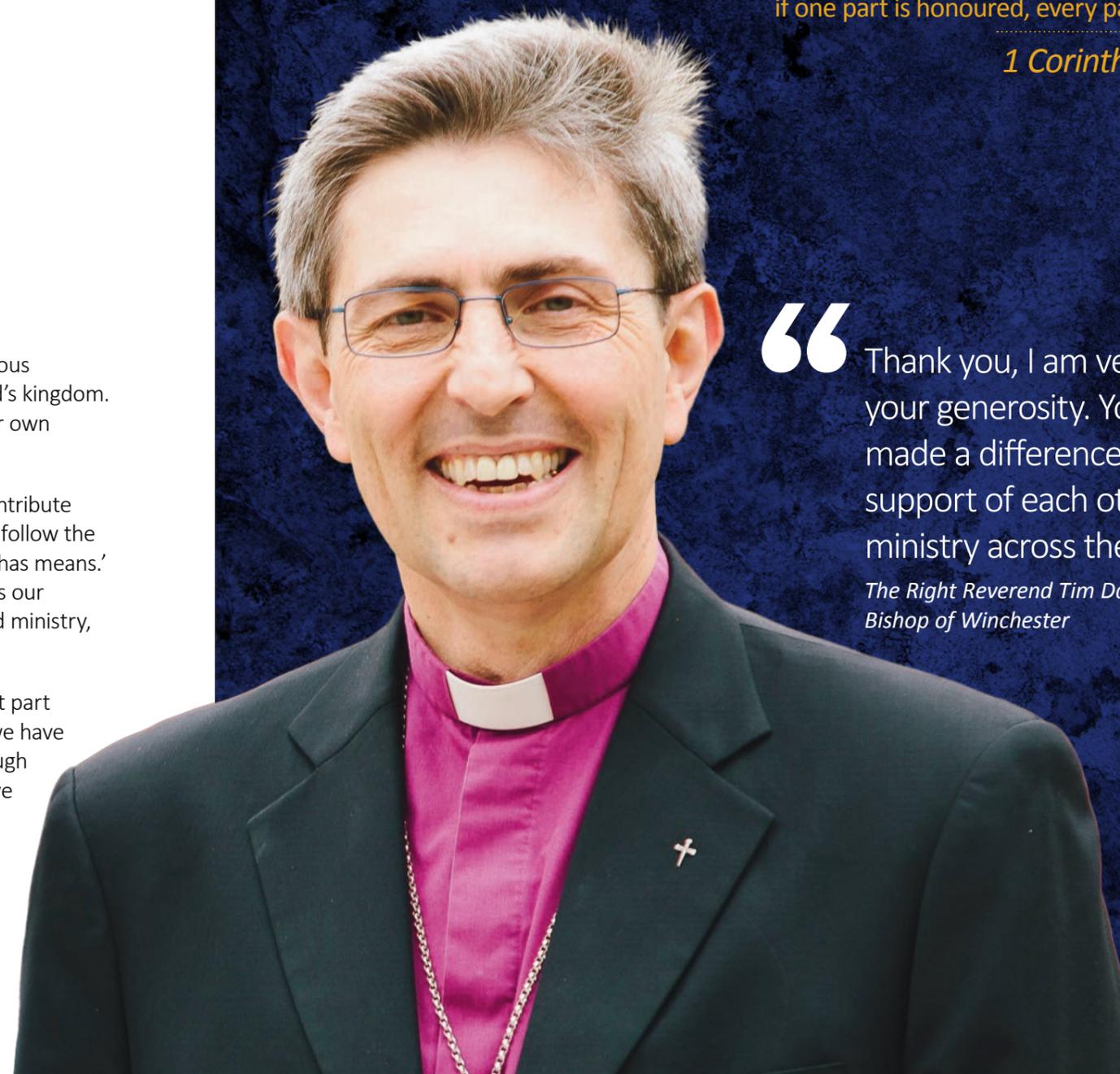
¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many...

²⁴ ...But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it,

²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

1 Corinthians 12: 12-26



“Thank you, 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*

THE DIOCESE OF WINCHESTER COMMON MISSION

St Mary Bourne:

In grasping the core understanding of the **Common Mission Fund**, Rev. Craig Marshall and the community at St Mary Bourne were able to give above and beyond what was asked of them – they identified a real need in their neighbouring parishes. As Area Dean, Craig Marshall was able to speak to other parishes in the Deanery, understand the financial needs and reflect that perhaps St Mary Bourne, as a more affluent

area, would be able to support. “We saw that others may not be in the same position as we are, and we decided that were in a place where we could give more. Others, who would’ve been less able to fulfil their contribution, were supported through a sense of common mission and support, so that our collective ministry is seen as a priority, not only in our parish, but across the Deanery and the Diocese.”

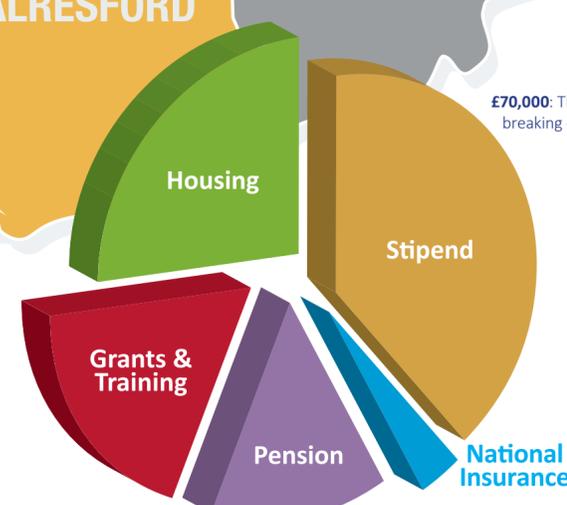
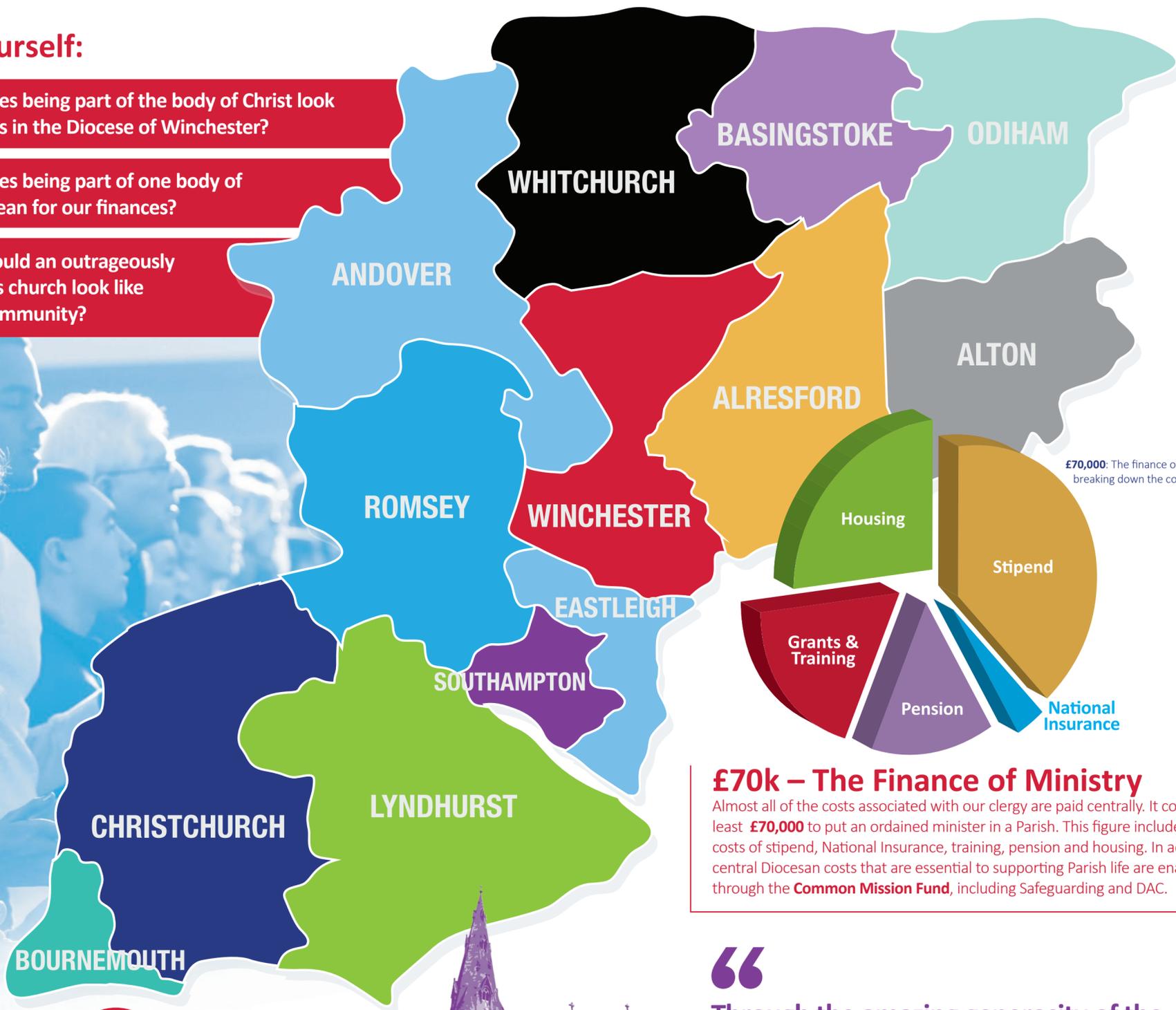


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St Mary Bourne Community

Ask yourself:

- What does being part of the body of Christ look like for us in the Diocese of Winchester?
- What does being part of one body of Christ mean for our finances?
- What would an outrageously generous church look like in our community?



£70k – The Finance of Ministry

Almost all of the costs associated with our clergy are paid centrally. It costs at least **£70,000** to put an ordained minister in a Parish. This figure includes the costs of stipend, National Insurance, training, pension and housing. In addition, central Diocesan costs that are essential to supporting Parish life are enabled through the **Common Mission Fund**, including Safeguarding and DAC.



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Weston Parish



Weston:

Weston is a small suburb of Southampton and one of the 5% most deprived parishes in England. Despite this, Holy Trinity is a safe place in Weston where people meet Jesus and find themselves becoming rich through an experience of God’s grace. Holy Trinity is a beneficiary of the Common Mission Fund and the generosity shown across the Diocese.

This 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 each week at “The Venny” – a purpose built youth facility located in the heart of the Weston council estate. Through the amazing generosity of the congregation, the PCC has also managed to employ a

part-time parish youth pastor for the past 5 years - 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.”

Generous Giving

The Stewardship and Resources Advisor advises and encourages Parishes when it comes to developing **Generous Giving**. Mechanisms, resources and tools such as contactless giving, legacies and planned giving systems can be of huge benefit in addressing this changing landscape, so get in touch to see how we can help.

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