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The Common Mission Fund is the way in which we all contribute to the cost of our shared mission and ministry. This money is crucial to our ability to provide clergy and lay ministry across our benefices, parishes, and churches.

We ask every parish to contribute financially and it is only through those donations that we are able to affect the mission we are called to.

The CMF is a key way in which we can all respond to the endless generosity we have experienced in the person and work of Jesus Christ; 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.



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## How does it work?

It costs nearly £11.3m a year to run the Diocese of Winchester. Most of which is spent funding our clergy as they lead our local mission and ministry across the different communities that make up our diocese.

It is a fact that some parishes are better off than others. Some communities find it difficult to pay the £70,000 that it costs to support a parish priest every year without help. Without the Common Mission Fund many parishes and benefices could not afford a dedicated priest.

Thankfully, we have each other to share the load. We ask those that can afford to give more to do so, which in turn supports neighbouring parishes.

The Common Mission Fund is a “Kingdom Principle”: Parishes give according to their potential so that all may receive according to their need.

## Tadley North St Mary

2020 was an unprecedented year across our diocese. In Tadley North St Mary, the parish decided to give over and above what was asked of them to support the wider picture of ministry across the Basingstoke Deanery and across the diocese, which the Revd Canon Richard Harlow believes is important:

*"We were aware that many parishes took a terrible hit financially due to the pandemic and that the Common Mission Fund is a highly effective way of*

*supporting our colleagues in other parts of the diocese, so we resolved to contribute more than our request. In former years, we have been the beneficiaries of the generosity of others, and this year it was our privilege to give a little more. We are about to embark on major building works, so this decision was costly to us, but we see CMF as the first claim on our income and giving over our request helps us become the generous people of God that we aspire to be."*

# Where does the money come from?

There are sometimes assumptions that the church is rich; living off investments and historic reserves, but this is not true in the Diocese of Winchester.

In our diocese, it is our parishes that ensure our parishes exist. The Common Mission Fund funnels our collective resource so that ministry is assured, and our priests are supported. 80% of what it takes to run the Diocese of Winchester comes from the CMF.

Without the committed contributions from parishes and individuals, the Common Mission Fund would not exist, and parish life would look very different across our region.



80%

80% of all income is received via the Common Mission Fund

12%

12% comes from rental income and fees

8%

8% comes from grants, investments and reserves



# Where does the money go?

We donate to our local parish with the knowledge that what we give is used to fund local mission and ministry as well as the day to day operations necessary to keep our parishes and churches functioning effectively.

As part of a commitment to our shared vision, a proportion of our giving to our local church is sent on by each parish to the diocese, where the money goes on to support churches in Hampshire and East Dorset.

## Clergy Cost Breakdown

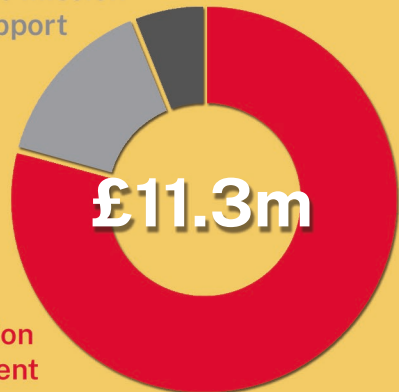
- £27,400 - Stipend
- £2,200 - National Insurance
- £9,900 - Pension
- £13,100 - Grants & Training
- £17,400 - Housing

**£70,000 - TOTAL**

The CMF funds every minister across our diocese, and the Diocesan Office Team, which is there to offer practical support to bolster the effectiveness of our parish life. The CMF contributes nothing to the direct costs of our Bishops or our Cathedral.

## Expenditure Breakdown

6% National Church's Mission  
15% Mission Support



**£11.3m**

79% Mission Development

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# The HEART of the CMF

The Common Mission Fund might seem like an operational or process driven diocesan scheme that has no real grounding in the real picture of parish life.

But at the heart of the CMF is the parish. The diocese exists to support the parish, and the parish exists to:

- **SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING**
- **SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED**
- **SUPPORT THOSE SEEKING TO KNOW THE LIVING GOD**

The CMF ultimately has one goal, to support and carry one another so that we can serve our communities in these ways as effectively as possible.



**“Help to carry one another’s burdens, and in this way, you will obey the law of Christ.”**



## A message from Bishop Debbie

The CMF is a vital part of our communal life in the Diocese of Winchester.

We remember how Saint Paul encouraged the early churches to look out for each other. He realised that the call to mission that was placed on them all, was one that was shared together. In the Diocese of Winchester, God has a call for us, and that mission is to the whole of the region.



Contributing to the CMF is part of that mission commitment, and one that is vitally important as we seek God's call on our communal life.

Thank you for supporting the Common Mission Fund, what you give really makes a difference to our diocese. I continue to be humbled by the generosity shown by individuals and parishes across our community.

## Your generosity builds the bigger picture...

**22500** Worshippers

**355** Churches

**240** Parishes

**227** Houses

**92** Schools

**147** Stipendiary Clergy

**185** Licensed Lay Ministers

**406** BCMs

**46** Ordinands

# Thank You

The parish church would not exist without the generosity of people like you across our diocese. It is only through your generosity that the CMF can have a positive effect on reaching the communities across our region.

Thank you for your commitment to supporting this common vision.

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## Don't Forget

Make your giving go further with Gift Aid. For every £1 you give, 25p can be added for all UK TAX payers.

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The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is an established service for managing Direct Debit donations, designed to support churches to fund their mission and ministry.



Helping you save time and money on utilities and administration items, which can then be spent on your church's mission and ministry.



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