



Application to the PCC Support Panel

What if parishes anticipate having difficulty meeting their Common Mission Fund Contributions?

There are a number of things that parishes could do if they anticipate having difficulty meeting their contributions to the Common Mission Fund.

Contributions to the Common Mission Fund are gifts; a gift from each individual parish to support and grow ministry and mission across all our parishes, enabling the love of Christ to be shared.

We are blessed to live in an affluent part of the country – the 6th most affluent Diocese in the Church of England. Within our diocesan community, however, there is huge variation of affluence and deprivation. We have some of the most affluent parishes in the entire country but also some of the least.

It is only by sharing our resources together that we can ensure ministry can be provided where it is needed, not just where it can be afforded.

It is about every parish seeing itself as part of the Diocesan Community; giving generously and sacrificially to the mission of the church both locally and further afield. Through your parish's contribution, wherever you live or worship, you help fund places where people contribute in amazing ways, but do not necessarily have the financial resources that others have.

Meet with the Diocesan Team

All members of Bishop's Staff Team view the Common Mission Fund as fundamental to supporting the mission and ministry of the Diocese. As leaders of mission in their archdeaconries, they are committed to supporting any parishes with financial challenges. If you have concerns, please contact the Diocesan Team to arrange a meeting.

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Talk to the Deanery Finance Chair

It may be possible for other parishes within the deanery to offer financial support in the short term to ensure that the overall deanery contribution to the Common Mission Fund meets its target.

Resources available from the Christian Stewardship Advisor

A range of resources is available from our Stewardship team, who can support parishes with looking at fresh and effective ways of helping individuals and communities reflect on their generous giving practice. The Stewardship team can help parishes with their approach to stewardship, income generation and enhancing the culture of generosity.

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Resources available around project grants and funding from the parish support team

Whilst it is generally a good principle for the day to day running costs and routine maintenance of the church to be met by regular giving, regular one off fundraising activities can significantly contribute to a churches income.

There will inevitably be times in the lives of many churches when a major fundraising project is needed. The Diocese holds a licence to an online funding databases. Bid writing training and meet-the-funder events are held throughout the year, please contact us for more information.

Alternatively, the national church offer a range of funding guides to help parishes raise funds for large fundraising appeals (building projects) as well as funding the on-going mission of the church. They aim to provide as much practical information as possible. These guides are intended to be simple “how-to” guides, and are developed by a Good Practice Group established by the National Stewardship Committee. Take a look at: www.parishresources.org.uk/resources-for-treasurers/funding and please be in touch with the Diocesan Team for advice on how to write the best applications.

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Make an application to the PCC Support Panel

Where a parish is facing substantial challenges in meeting its requested contribution, the PCC may apply to the PCC Support Panel for further assistance.

These requests will be reviewed by a small panel including the Archdeacons and Suffragan Bishops. In some cases we can agree (with Deanery Officers) a ‘flight path’ to map out an agreed course of action to enable parishes to meet their full request over a number of years. A flight path will give a parish facing ongoing financial challenges an agreed reduction over a number of years, rather than having to make a fresh application each year.

One of the tools available to the panel is agreeing a reduction in CMF requested. Any reduction of this nature represents an investment in that parish by the wider Diocesan Community. In considering applications, the Panel will seek assurances that the parish in question is doing all that it can to play its part in the Diocesan Community and is following best practice in regards to stewardship, governance and financial management.

As a Deanery Officer if you receive a request for an application for special consideration please pass this to your Deanery Finance Chair. If this position is vacant in your deanery please pass this to the Parish Support Team (parish.support@winchester.anglican.org) along with any comments that you may have.

Timetable

1st September 2025– Deadline for applications for special considerations to be submitted to the Deanery.

8th September 2025 – Deadline for Deadline for applications for special considerations to be submitted to the Diocesan Team (parish.support@winchester.anglican.org).

15th September 2025– PCC Support Panel meet to consider request

w/c 13th October 2025- Results of applications communicated to parishes