

WHY GIVE GENEROUSLY?

When you are making your regular offering to your church you are making it possible for the Church to have a ministry across Lancashire.

The largest Diocesan expenditure by far is the funding of parish clergy.

Recently some national research was commissioned that came up with a breakdown of a typical clergy week. Each clergy person will be different of course, but in general their week can consist of the following...

30%

Worship and the preparation of worship

25%

Pastoral care of congregation members

15%

School and other children/youth activities

10%

Preparation for baptisms, weddings and funerals

10%

Community outreach and missional work

10%

Preparation of activities and events; administration; governance and communication

SHARE RELIEF FUND

Families help each other out in difficult times and support is available to parishes in relation to payment of Parish Share.

As in 2017, parishes who consider that they can't meet their share figure can apply to the share relief fund. John Dell and Nick Aves, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance, discuss this process in more detail on the new Parish Share section of the Diocesan website.

If your parish is in this situation, please don't wait until the end of the year to contact us but do so as soon as possible.

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

Though Parish Share is vital to the work of Vision 2026, we know that in some places, paying it is a challenge. If that's true for you, here's three things you might do:

TALK TO GOD about your parish budget and your own giving.

TALK TOGETHER about stewardship. Why not invite Stephanie Rankin to come and help your parish with this?

TALK TO US using the contact details below, especially if you need to apply to the share relief fund for support.

For Parish Share or other finance queries please contact the Diocesan Finance Team: dbfaccounts@blackburn.anglican.org

For help with Stewardship contact: stephanie.rankin@blackburn.anglican.org

For more about Vision 2026 contact: dave.champness@blackburn.anglican.org

Parish Share information/resources:
www.blackburn.anglican.org



WORKING TOGETHER for VISION 2026

Brief guide to 2018 Diocesan Budget and Parish Share



Welcome to our Parish Share leaflet for 2018, summarising the Parish Share budget presented to Diocesan Synod in October 2017.



The receipt of Parish Share is vital to our work as a Diocese and in achieving the aims of Vision 2026.

Parish Share doesn't pay for things like the running of the Cathedral or the

administration of Bishops' offices, but it does pay for parish clergy. Indeed, the budgeted income from Parish Share in 2018 is £7,714,456 whilst expenditure on parochial staffing and related costs will be £8,262,548.

Put simply, Parish Share is a mutual pooling of financial resources to make possible Anglican ministry and mission to the 1.3m people of Lancashire.

For those who want to delve deeper after reading this summary leaflet you can:

VISIT

our Diocesan website

www.blackburn.anglican.org where there is a 'Parish Share 2018' section under 'About us' and then 'Our parish finances'.

WATCH

a video summary of the budget

presentation to Synod on our YouTube channel (search online for YouTube and Blackburn Diocese) or via our website.

READ

more updates in future editions of *The See* magazine. Large print versions of *The See* and this leaflet are also available on request.

Further questions? Contact the Diocesan Board of Finance on 01254 503070.

Canon John Dell, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance and Graeme Pollard, Diocesan Secretary

BUDGET BREAKDOWN

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■ A	Parish Share	£7,714,456	■ E	Parochial Staffing and related costs	£8,262,548
■ B	DBF Fees*	£590,000	■ F	Parochial Training	£759,671
■ C	Investments	£844,048	■ G	National/International costs	£282,620
■ D	National Church	£1,244,317	■ H	Parish Focussed work	£530,452
			■ I	Central Team DBF/DBE* and shared costs	£638,818
			■ J	Governance/Legal and Professional/Committees	£182,574
			■ K	Whalley Abbey (Net costs)	£120,000

*DBF = Diocesan Board of Finance

DBE = Diocesan Board of Education

Total Income: £10,392,821

Shortfall: £383,861

Total Expenses: £10,776,633

The 2018 Parish Share budget presented to Diocesan Synod represents a 2% increase in the amount requested from parish assessments. Whilst the budget shows Parish Share and DBF fees separately, parishes can continue to make one payment each month to the finance team and simply send in the information on their fees each quarter.

The budget is set and reviewed by various committees of the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Finance before it is presented to the Diocesan Synod. The assessment sent to each parish, using the formula agreed by Diocesan Synod, is made up initially of a fixed amount per incumbent or self-supporting minister plus a fixed amount per regular weekly attender (RWA). Several adjustments for inter-parish support are then applied.

The fixed amount per incumbent is rising by approximately 2%, as are the costs allocated by RWA. Unfortunately, the total RWA across the diocese used in the 2018 parish assessments is down by 3.6% on the figure used in the 2017 parish assessments, so the amount requested per RWA is having to rise by 5.6%. This year £384,000 of reserves are being used to support the budget.