



## **Training for Treasurers November 2017**

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#### Plan for the day

- · Archdeacon Mark
- Year End
- Data Developments
- Break



- · Parish Share/DBF Fees
- Stewardship
- Parish Investments
- Statistics
- Lunch



After lunch, members of the team, as well as Stephen Hendy from Data Developments will be available to answer your questions

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#### The Year End

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#### The Starting Point - the Treasurer's Role

- · Keep the books straight to maintain accounting integrity
- · Manage the money ensuring sufficient to pay the bills
- Plan the finances to support the future work of the church
- Prepare Annual Financial Statements
- · Open and transparent



Chapter 1 of blue ACAT Introductory Guide

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#### Annual Financial Statements - the end product



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#### What type of accounts should you prepare?

- If PCC annual income less than £250,000, Receipts and Payments Accounts are recommended
- If income over £100,000, <u>must</u> also Register with Charity Commission
- If PCC income over £250,000 then <u>must</u> prepare Accrual Accounts

Green Book "Charites Act 2011 and the PCC" covers Receipts and Payments accounting on pages 39 to 54 and Accrual Accounting on pages 56-97





# What should your Receipts and Payments Financial Statements include?

- · Profit and loss account?
- · Income and expenditure account?
- Receipts and payments account?
- · Balance sheet?
- · Statement of assets and liabilities
- · Notes?
- · Auditor's report?
- · Independent Examiner's report?
- · Annual report?

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# Funds and charities

Charities Act says  $\underline{\text{all}}$  charities  $\underline{\text{must}}$  account for different types of funds.

Why? So that people can be confident that money is used for the purpose it is given.

The funds are split into:

- · Unrestricted (including designated)
- Endowment
- Restricted

Chapter 2 of blue ACAT booklet







# Principles of Accounts - Types of Funds

- Unrestricted funds
  - General funds used to fulfil the aims of the charity.
- · Designated funds
  - Unrestricted funds earmarked for a particular purpose by the trustees)

More information about funds in Chapter 2 of blue ACAT booklet Chapter 2 of the Green Book "Charites Act 2011 and the PCC"



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#### Principles of Accounts - Types of Funds

- · Restricted funds
  - Money given or raised for a specific purpose
- · Endowment fund
  - Capital can't be spent
  - Income usually restricted to a specific purpose

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# Things to be done ready for APCM

- Produce Financial Statements (including Annual Report, but ask someone else to write this for you)
- Looked at by PCC so they are happy with them
- Examined and signed by Independent Examiner
- Approved by PCC and signed by Chairman
- "Published" by pinning to notice board 7 days before
   APCM
- Presented at APCM
- Sent to Diocese (with Finance Return)
- Made available to anyone who asks for them

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# **Checklist to prepare Financial Statements**

- · Collect together all bank accounts
- Reconcile each bank account and identify amounts not yet cleared through the bank. The adjusted balances will be your closing balances
- List out totals by category for all the payments and receipts in the year.
- Check opening bank/cash balance from last year plus receipts per cashbook less expenses per cashbook should equal adjusted closing bank balance plus cash balance



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#### **Checklist to prepare Financial Statements**

- Prepare Receipts and Payments account (see example in Appendix 1 to the Course Notes)
- Prepare Statement of Assets and Liabilities (see Appendix 1 to Course Notes)
- Liaise with incumbent/PCC Secretary to make sure they are writing the Trustees Annual Report. You might need to write the finance paragraph
- · Agree timescale with the Independent Examiner





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#### Financial Statements - What to show

- Include current year figures for each type of fund
- Include comparative figures for the previous year (presently if use columnar format, only need totals for prior year rather than for each fund
- · No netting off of income and expenditure
- · Identify any material items
- · Balance simplicity with detail
- Suggested Template in Appendix 4 of the course notes





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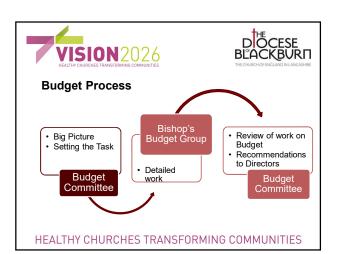
#### Vision 2026

#### 'Healthy Churches Transforming Communities'

We desire to make the Good News about Jesus Christ more widely known, because we believe:

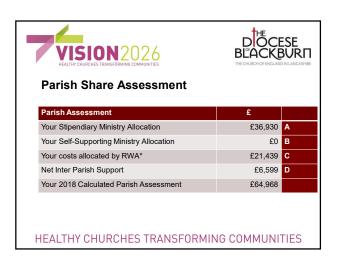
- · He is the One who brings 'life in all its fullness'
- Healthy church communities have a positive and transformative impact on our society.

We will work together to achieve this by making disciples of Jesus Christ; being witnesses to Jesus Christ and growing leaders for Jesus Christ













#### **Parish Assessment continued**

Your Ministry Allocation	Unit Cost for all parishes	Your Units	Your Ministry Allocation	
Stipend, National Insurance and Pension	£36,930	x1	£36,930	A
Self-Supporting Ministry Allocation	£6,610		£0	В

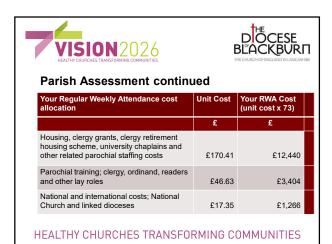
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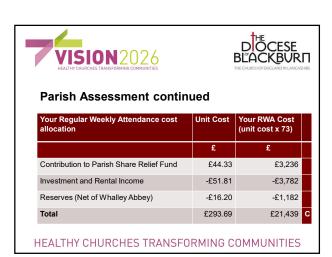


#### **Parish Assessment continued**

- In this year's budget there are 12 vacancies budgeted for.
- The parochial staffing is £443,000 less due to these vacancies.
- This equates to £270 per 100 RWA.



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Your Regular Weekly Attendance cost allocation	Unit Cost	Your RWA Cost (unit cost x 73)
	£	£
Parish focused work includes Safeguarding, Children, Youth, Parish development and Social Responsibility	£32.56	£2,377
Central Teams include Diocesan Secretary, Director of Education, Finance, HR, Communications and Diocesan Office costs	£39.21	£2,863
Governance and legal includes Registrar, DAC, Diocesan Synod, Audit, Bishop's Council and Committees	£11.21	£818

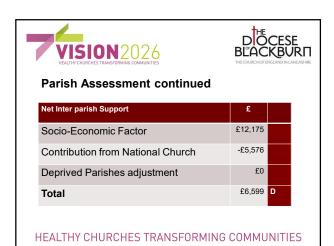






# Impact of changes to Regular Weekly Attendance (RWA)

- The total RWA for the Diocese has dropped for another year
- The rolling average RWA for use in calculating the 2018 assessment has dropped by 3.6% compared to the RWA used for 2017 assessments
- The amount requested per RWA is having to rise by 5.6%

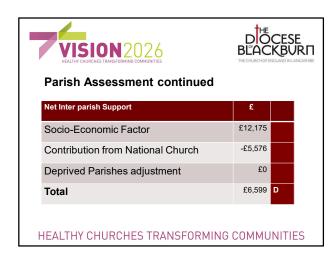


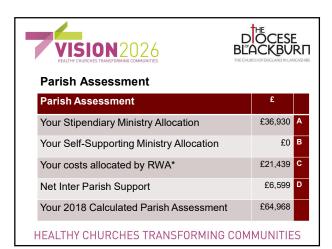




#### **Parish Assessment continued**

- Using deprivation information from the government, National Church calculate the deprivation indices for each parish
- We sort each parish and allocate between 4 and 5 parishes per percentage between 70 and 125 this is called Socio Economic Multiplier (SEM)
- · The net costs are multiplied by this percentage









#### **DBF Fees**

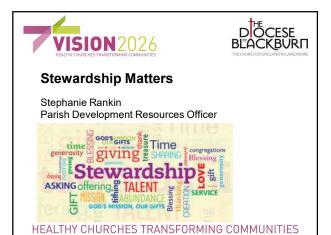
- PCC act as agents of the DBF
- We ask for share and fees to be paid together in 12 equal instalments
- We still need the Fees forms as we have to record this income separately from Parish Share
- Your accounts should only show Parish Share the DBF Fees should net to zero

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# Questions







#### Things we will look at include

- Parish Resources
- Parish Buying
- Legacies
- Gift Aid/Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme
- · Registering with Charity Commissioners
- Stewardship
- ACAT
- Data Developments & Liberty Accounts
- Ecclesiastical
- CCLI







#### **Parish Buying Service for**





























 Energy • Green energy Insurance

- IT Software Boilers
- Furniture
- LED Lighting
- Fire Safety

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### Legacies

- In 2016 80 churches in this diocese received legacies totalling £1.6m
- PCC Guide: Encouraging Giving through legacies is in your pack
- Lots of other resources available from
- www.churchlegacy.org.uk including
  - PCC Toolkit
  - Posters
- Parish Resources website has further resources



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# Gift Aid and Gift Aid Online

- Help and advice at www.parishresources.org.uk including
  - Registering for online claims if you haven't done this
  - Useful checklist of what you can and can't claim Gift Aid on
  - Up to date wording for Gift Aid Forms and envelopes
  - Role descriptions for Gift Aid and Planned Giving Officer
  - there is guidance at www.parishresources.org.uk
- Use form CHV1 to let HMRC know about changes in Authorised Officials or Responsible Persons faid it





#### **Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme**

- Claim back up to £2,000 on non gift aided cash up to £8,000
  - Single amounts given must be less than £20
  - · Will include envelope giving that is not Gift Aided
  - Not cheques or standing orders
  - Does now include contactless receipts
  - Must have Gift Aid Donations of at least £800
  - Must have banked the amount that the claim is based on
  - From 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 all charities are eligible so long as haven't incurred a Gift Aid penalty
- Help and advice at <u>www.parishresources.org.uk</u> including how to make a claim

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#### **Registering with Charity Commissioners**

- Income above £100,000 means you are required to register now
- If it's a "one off" you can be excused
- Unless the Government change the date, from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 all churches will need to register
- Help and advice at <u>www.parishresources.org.uk</u> including how to complete the form



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# www.stewardship.org.uk

#### **Transforming Generosity**

- Quarterly dial in for treasurers
- 40 Acts campaign and Advent Wonder Campaign
- Making Giving Easy with Tax efficient accounts for your giving and give.net for online fundraising
- Payroll Bureau
- Independent examinations
- · Deposit accounts
- Consultancy helpline
- Mortgages for churches

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# ACAT – Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers

For £12.50 per year, members receive:

- Introductory Guide (also available online at Parish Resources website)
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Annual Treasurers Guidelines (tax card)
- Advice line for members
- Training and conferences
- Handbook



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#### Software

- · Parish Resources have suggestions
- Parish Buying has some offers
- Make sure it can deal with funds
- Some do Gift Aid Claims and some just do accounts
- Some file your Return of Parish Finance
- Data Developments/Liberty Accounts information in packs

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# Not just an insurance policy but help and advice including:

- · Church Health & Safety
- · Church security
- · Planning events
- Fire guidance
- Storms & bad weather
- · Self assessment tool for how safe is your church

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Check your licensing requirements if you

- Make copies of song words in booklets or a screen
- Record services
- Copy sheet music
- Show films
- · Hold concerts
- · Play music



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## **Investments**

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#### Investments

- This presentation does NOT make any specific recommendations to PCCs as to where and how their reserves should be invested.
- Its intention is to raise awareness of the options available, it does not cover all areas PCCs need to consider
- PCCs should ensure they take reasonable professional advice over their investment policy





#### Investments

Parish resources
 http://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/investingreserves.pdf

· Charity Commission:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-and-investment-matters-a-guide-for-trustees-cc14/charities-and-investment-matters-a-guide-for-trustees

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#### Why, What and How

All investment carries risk and you need to be clear about:

- The reasons why you are investing
- What you hope to gain from the investment
- · How much risk you are prepared to take
- How you will manage your investments and monitor their performance

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#### Reserves

 Develop a policy on the level of reserves and why they are needed

http://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/parishreserves.pdf





#### Time frame for needing reserves

- Quick access
- Medium Term
- Long Term



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#### **Certainty of Return**





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#### Quick Access - Short term cash and deposits

#### Examples

- · Bank current account
- · Deposit accounts
  - High street banks

  - CAF BankStewardship
  - CBF Church of England Deposit Fund (CCLA)





#### Medium Term - notice or fixed term deposits

- · Building Societies
- Kingdom Bank
- CAFBank

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# Longer Term Investments – shares, property or common investment funds

**Ethical Investments** 

- CCLA (www.ccla.co.uk)
- Ecclesiastical (www.ecclesiastical.com)

Guidance from the Church of England's Ethical Investment Advisory Group can be found at www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance

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## Reporting and reviewing

- Is your investment policy in your annual report?
- What return have you achieved?





# Questions ????













