

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. Did you know that Parish Share pays 97% of the clergy costs (excluding our Bishops' costs)? National research commissioned for The Church of England came up with a breakdown of a typical clergy person's week.

Each member of the clergy 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. Support is available to parishes in relation to payment of Parish Share.

As in 2018, parishes who consider they can't meet their share figure can apply to the share relief fund. You can find out more about this process in more detail on the Parish Share section of the Diocesan website.

Don't delay! Contact us as soon as possible using the contact information below.

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

Though Parish Share is vital to the work of Vision 2026, we know that in some places, contributing fully is a challenge.

If that's true for you there are some proactive moves you and your PCC can take ...

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

TALK TOGETHER about stewardship and invite Stephanie Rankin to come and help your parish with this.

TALK TO US using the contact details below:

For Parish Share or other finance queries, it's the Diocesan Finance Team:
dbfaccounts@blackburn.anglican.org

For help and advice about Stewardship:
stephanie.rankin@blackburn.anglican.org

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

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

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MORE HELP AND INFORMATION

Website:

www.blackburn.anglican.org/parish-share-2019

Finance Team:

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Stewardship Advice:

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Brief guide to 2019 Diocesan Budget and Parish Share

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Vision 2026 is a vision for growth in the Diocese. We pray for many to come to faith in Jesus Christ and for the key aims of Vision 2026 to be realised, as collectively we make disciples, are witnesses and grow leaders. Our hope is that such a focus will create healthy churches with potential to transform their communities.



All parishes are being encouraged to explore what Vision 2026 means for them and to work it out in their own setting and in their own way.

However any initiative for growth comes at a cost; resourced by our worshipping communities giving generously to the mission of the Church, in time, talents and finance. We plan to maintain our stipendiary clergy numbers and increase the number of stipendiary curates as we believe this approach is an essential ingredient of growth. It is very encouraging there has been a welcome upturn in people seeking ordained and lay vocation, but additional training requires local funding.

Parish Share is a mutual pooling of financial resources to invest in the present and future of our ministry and mission in all of our Lancashire parishes.

In 2019 we are investing significant amounts of our Diocesan free reserves. However, reserves are finite and at the current rate of use we will have reached the limit of our current reserves policy in three to four years. That's why we are encouraging greater generosity in our Churches; to allow us to achieve the ambitions of Vision 2026 by deepening discipleship and stimulating growth.

One of the challenges for Parish Share is the reallocation of the £1.2 million grant from the Church

Commissioners to our Lowest Income Communities. Until recently all parishes benefited from the Commissioners Grants, but we now have to provide evidence that they are made available only to churches located in areas of deprivation. That is one of the reasons why our current Parish Share Review is having to look very carefully at the impact of this new requirement. We are consulting with Churches that are eligible for this funding in early 2019.

The budget for 2019 is commended by the Diocesan Synod as an ambitious investment for growth and we invite the Diocese to rise to the challenge of an even better collection rate of Parish Share in 2019. We were at 88.9% in 2017 despite aspiring to 92%. Can we not reach that 92% target in 2019? Let's encourage one another to resource our plans for growth. 1 Corinthians 9.6: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

Rt Rev. Julian Henderson, Bishop of Blackburn
David Barlow, Chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance

FOR MORE DETAILS:

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Diocesan website: www.blackburn.anglican.org, 'Parish Share 2019' section

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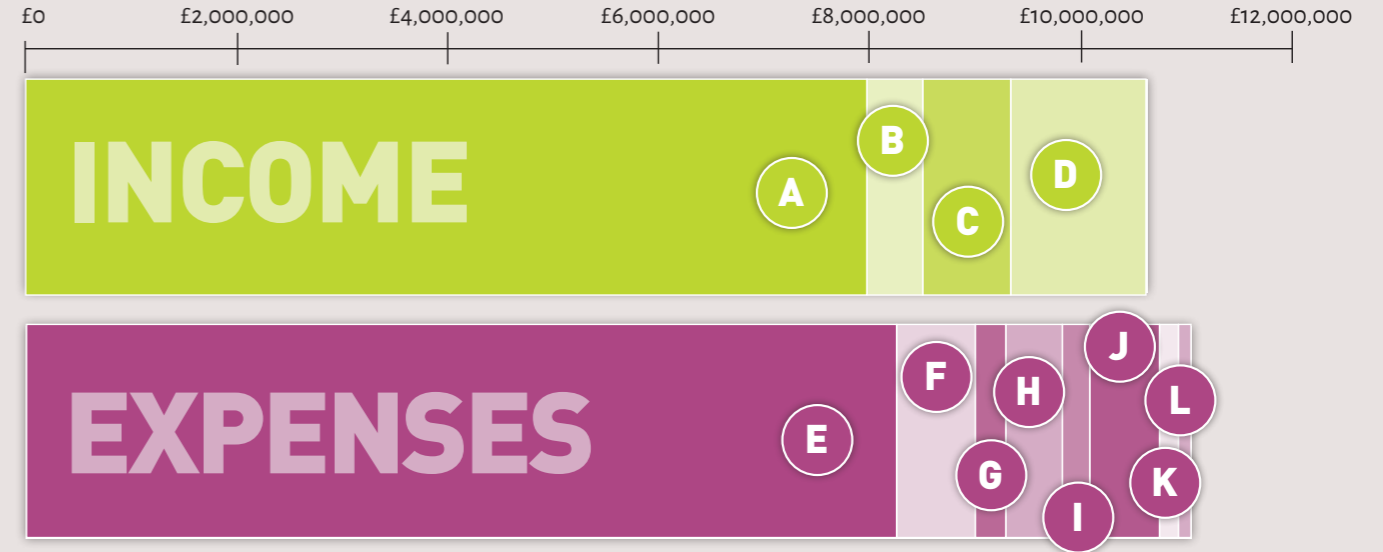
David Barlow, Chair of the Board of Finance's presentation to Synod is on [YouTube](#)

READ

Further updates in **The See**, our diocesan magazine

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

BUDGET BREAKDOWN



■ A	Parish Share	£7,985,869	■ E	Parochial Staffing and related costs	£8,237,083
■ B	DBF Fees*	£530,000	■ F	Parochial Training	£744,630
■ C	Investments	£835,582	■ G	National/International costs	£288,969
■ D	National Church	£1,284,001	■ H	Parish Focussed work	£534,703
			■ I	Lowest Income Communities Funding Support	£259,684
			■ J	Central Team DBF/DBE* and shared costs	£660,475
			■ K	Governance/Legal and Professional/Committees	£178,610
			■ L	Whalley Abbey (Net costs)	£120,000

* DBF = Diocesan Board of Finance

DBE = Diocesan Board of Education

Total Income: £10,635,452

Shortfall: £388,702

Total Expenses: £11,024,154

The 2019 Parish Share budget presented to Diocesan Synod represents a 4% increase in the amount requested from parish assessments. Part of this increase (2%) is due to the Lowest Income Communities Funding (LICF) moving to deprived parishes.

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 request 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). A number of adjustments for inter-parish support are then applied.

The total recorded number of Regular Weekly Attenders across the diocese, used in this year's formula, has fallen by 3.7%, so the amount of Parish Assessment per Regular Weekly Attender has risen by more than the overall budget increase. However a cap is being applied so that no parish has an increase in total Parish Assessment of more than 5%, except in cases where there has been a stipendiary ministry increase.