

Each year the DBF budget is agreed by the diocesan synod, drawn from people from across the Diocese. Over the next few years we plan to invest in growth, including:



# Thank you

*'By continuing to pay parish share, you are making a real difference to the life of the Diocese as a whole. We are much stronger when we work together and support each other. Together we can help more people come to know the love of Jesus in their lives.'*

(Bishop John)

For more information on how parish share is allocated, please visit:

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# Parish Share



*'Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.'*

(2 Corinthians 9 vs 6&7)

## Why pay parish share?

Parish Share is the primary way that parishes contribute to the funding of parish ministry and the support given to parishes, ministers and schools. It enables ministry to be provided in each community regardless of wealth and gives each parish the opportunity to model the general discipleship implicit in being a Christian.

**'Discipleship entails not only commitment to the life of prayer, to study of the scriptures and to receiving the sacrament in public worship, it also requires sacrificial giving of our time, talents and money.'**

(Kingdom People Vision #5)

## What is the Diocese of Worcester?

Our diocese is one of 42 in the Church of England and is a geographical area covering Worcestershire and Dudley with a few parishes in northern Gloucestershire, south east Wolverhampton and Sandwell.

We have:

 Over **14,000** attending a church every week

 **110** full time stipendiary clergy, **40** non-stipendiary clergy & **2** stipendiary lay workers

 **100** church schools

 **180** Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers)

 Over **300** Authorised Lay Ministers

However, we are much more than just these numbers. We are part of the family of God, committed to love and support each other, and grow our Church through the Kingdom People vision.

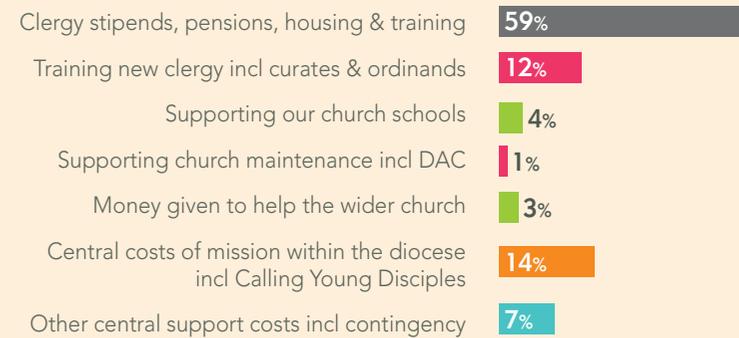
## What does Parish Share pay for?

As a Church we are committed to mutual support:

Enabling ministry on the basis of need & opportunity, not wealth

Recognising that we are connected across the Diocese of Worcester

## Where the money goes: Planned Diocesan spending in 2017



## Where the Diocesan Board of Finance plans to receive the money



The difference having experts based centrally can make:

*'I have been very appreciative of the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser's work and advice. Hilary has given us real support at different times in the last year - her involvement has been a necessary and valuable resource for us when dealing with sensitive matters which need to be handled correctly.'* (A vicar)

*'It's a real reassurance to be able to pick up the phone and get calm, encouraging support from the diocesan comms team. Whether it's looking for avenues for sharing good news stories from the parish or fielding press inquiries when a storm is brewing, I've been very grateful to know there's always been somewhere to turn as need arises.'* (Andrew Wickens, Vicar in the Dudley Team)

*'We've had to go through the faculty process on a number of occasions and the assistance we've had from John Dentith & the experts on the DAC has been very important. The fabric of the church and the maintenance of it is crucial to our mission and we've worked well with the DAC to solve any problems that have arisen, valuing their advice.'* (John Thornton, Churchwarden & Secretary at Bretforton Church)

