

# Suffolk Clergy Charity



The Suffolk Clergy Charity supports retired clergypersons, their spouses and the widows and widowers of clergy.

**Bereavement grants**  
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**Respite care**  
**Well-being grants**

Do you know a retired clergyperson, or the widow or widower of a clergyperson, whether retired or not, worried about repairs or unexpected living costs? The Suffolk Clergy Charity gives support to those individuals by offering help for everyday needs.

In retirement not all clergy, or their widows and widowers, have the resources to deal with unexpected financial demands on their savings.

Our Charity is here to help those most in need.

## **Bereavement grants**

The Charity offers bereavement grants to widows and widowers of clergy. If you know of someone who could receive this grant, please give their details to the Diocesan Clergy Widows Officers, by emailing [suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org)

## **Christmas gifts**

The Charity distributes a gift to known clergy widows and widowers at Christmas time. Should you wish to receive this gesture of thanks, please give your details to the Diocesan Clergy Widow Officers, by emailing [suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org)

## **Respite care**

We also have access to accommodation, provided by the Mothers' Union, available for short-term relief that may be suitable for some. For more information please email: [suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org)

## Well-being grants

- It might be adapting your home with necessary aids and equipment to cope with disability.
- It could be essential car repairs so you can remain independent.
- It may be upgrading a heating system or carrying out some decorating when there are risks to your health and safety.

These are just some of the many reasons why you can turn to our Charity for help.

We offer a listening ear that is backed by a history of making small grants swiftly and confidentially to those in need.

Our means-tested grants are available following a one-to-one discussion with one of our Trustees. You will be asked to declare your income and savings and this information will be held in confidence.

The Trustees review and judge each case on its own merits and in most cases, we will consider granting up to 50% of each application.

## Who can apply for support?

You can apply if you or your spouse served at any time as an Ordained Anglican Minister within the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich or are now resident in the Diocese, irrespective of where such service was given, then the Charity would be pleased to hear from you and offer whatever help it can.

If you are a dependent of a deceased clergyperson who has complied with the conditions outlined above, you may also be eligible.

## How do I apply?

The first step is to request a one-to-one discussion with one of our Trustees, by completing the form in this leaflet or downloading a copy from our website.

Please send the form in hard copy marked 'Private and Confidential' to:

Suffolk Clergy Charity  
St Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ

or in electronic format, please email your application to:

[suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org)

Further information is also available from your Archdeacon, the Diocesan Retired Clergy Officer, the Diocesan Clergy Widows Officers or your local Diocesan Deanery Retired Clergy Representative. They will refer your enquiry to one of our Trustees.

## Our responsibility

Please be assured that the Charity sees its responsibility to provide support for any retired clergy and their spouses as an aspect of the wider church's work of duty and care.

Where we can do so, we wish to express our continuing gratitude for the service of clergy within our Diocese, seeking to alleviate any current hardship and reduce any worries the future might bring you.

Although the Charity only meets three times a year we will endeavour to deal with urgent applications as immediately as we can outside those occasions.



## Request or complete the initial Contact Form

You may wish to complete this form to arrange a one-to-one meeting with one of our Trustees. All information given on this form will be treated as private and confidential.

Please tick if you are applying for:	Yourself as a member of retired clergy <input type="checkbox"/> Please complete Part A	Yourself as a widow/widower/dependent of retired clergy <input type="checkbox"/> Please complete Part A	On behalf of someone else? <input type="checkbox"/> Please complete Part A and B.
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### PART A

Name of person requiring the support	
Full postal address	
Telephone number	
Email address	
Date of birth	
Outline of situation and help required	

Signed by applicant .....

Date.....

**Part B**

If you are signing this form on behalf of an applicant, please also complete this section:

Your name	
Your full postal address	
Your relationship to the applicant	
Do you have Power of Attorney for the applicant?	

Signed by applicant .....

Date.....

**Please return the form to:**

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c/o St Nicholas Centre  
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## **Acknowledgements**

The Charity wishes to acknowledge the continuing generosity of many clergy, their families and others, in giving a gift, bequest or legacy so as to continue our vital work.

For further information or to make similar donations, please contact:  
[suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org)

## **Further information**

Full information is available on the Diocesan website:  
[www.cofesuffolk.org/well-being-and-support/suffolk-clergy-charity](http://www.cofesuffolk.org/well-being-and-support/suffolk-clergy-charity)

## **PRAYER**

Lord of the Church,  
in giving thanks for the gifts of those who have served you in the  
past,  
across the varieties of ordained ministry,  
may the financial gift of the Suffolk Clergy Charity be used to bring  
relief and support to the needy.

We pray that its grants will continue to be the expression of the  
selfless giving of Christ,  
bringing his care and healing into clergy homes and families;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN**



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
**Diocese of St Edmundsbury  
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