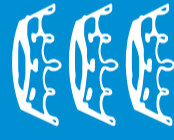


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# PARISH SHARE



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**NEW**  
poster  
inside!

## What can you do?

Your Parish Share request holds more information about the context and expectation of your individual parish.

- >> **Come along to a Parish Share & Encouraging Generosity workshop this June or September**, and learn more about the excellent stewardship programmes and materials on offer, as well as going deeper into the approach to Parish Share. Register today at [www.bristol.anglican.org/giving-events](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/giving-events)
- >> **Contact Clare Fussell, Giving and Resources Adviser**, if you'd like to discuss stewardship or Parish Share issues in your parish's context. Email [clare.fussell@bristol-diocese.org](mailto:clare.fussell@bristol-diocese.org) or call 0117 906 0100.
- >> **Display the poster overleaf in your church**, and talk about what it means to give generously to our shared ministry.



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Parish Share is the common pot of money used to support ministry and mission across the Diocese of Bristol.

By giving through Parish Share, every church is embodying biblical principles. We are taking responsibility for the support and ministry we receive, being generous to others because God is so generous to us, and having faith that God will provide all we need for His mission.

## Take responsibility

We are not disparate churches working in isolation – across the Diocese of Bristol we are closely connected with each other. We are united in our desire to see the Church grow and see God's Kingdom come.

As well as sharing in the fruits of God's Kingdom, we also share the responsibility to resource it.

## Give generously

If we are to raise the funds needed to train future ministers and lay leaders, support existing ones, and invest in Christian schools then we need to follow the Early Church's example and live more generously, holding everything in common to the glory of God.

## Have faith

We believe in God's great plan to see His Kingdom come. And we believe that He equips us with the resources we need in our ministry. As we consider our Parish Share commitments, we do so with faith.

## Stewardship events in 2017

Come along to these events to explore stewardship initiatives and learn about fundraising and financial management. Register online at [www.bristol.anglican.org/giving-events](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/giving-events) or by calling Clare on 0117 906 0100.

**NEW**

**Parish Share & Encouraging Generosity Seminars**  
7 June and 12 September in Swindon; 8 June in Chippenham; and 14 June and 7 September in Bristol

Be equipped to discuss Parish Share within your parish, and receive support and advice to help your church to encourage generosity and resource its ministry and mission.

### Parish Giving Scheme launch event

**16 September in Swindon; 19 September (pm) in Bristol, and 19 September (eve) in Chippenham.** Bristol Diocese is joining this nationwide scheme to support church giving from September. Learn about how your church can overcome the problem of static giving and reduce your administrative burden.

**Connect Session – sharing our common experience of stewardship campaigns**  
4 October in Swindon

A chance to learn from churches who are growing a spirit of generosity in their churches, and discuss ways to encourage generous giving in your context.



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What you give so that every parish can receive the ministry and support it needs

BIBLICAL



Living out the teaching of the early Church

ESSENTIAL

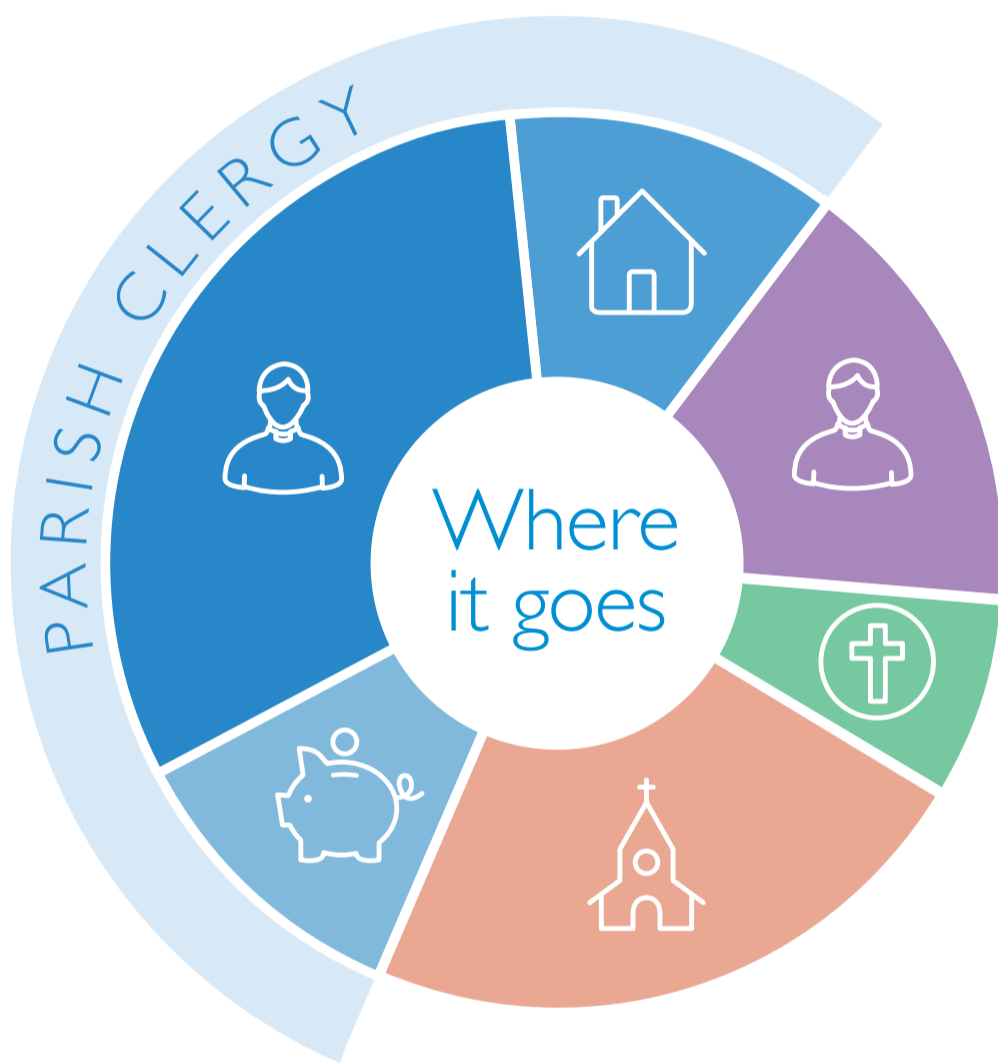


Paying for parish ministry, now and in the future

EFFECTIVE



Pooling resources to have the biggest impact



“The believers had everything in common, giving to anyone who had need.”

Acts 2

## MINISTRY NOW £4.6 MILLION



- 100 paid vicars across the Diocese
- Ensuring ministry in every context, regardless of wealth

“Thanks to people’s generosity, I’ve been supported through my training and curacy and now I’m serving God and His people as a vicar here.”

*Revd Helen Johnson, Shirehampton, Bristol*



## MINISTRY IN THE FUTURE £1.4 MILLION



- 48 ordinands and lay ministers in training
- 20 paid curates across the Diocese

“Parish Share is all part of being the family of God and supporting one another. Knowing that people had invested in me enabled me to keep on training and answer God’s call to serve Him in this way.”

*Rob Smith, starting a curacy in Swindon*



## SUPPORT FOR MINISTERS £0.6 MILLION



- One of the best rated dioceses for training and development

“Highly effective pastoral support of clergy”

*(Diocesan Peer Review)*



## SUPPORT FOR PARISHES & SCHOOLS £1.9 MILLION



- 200 training events for 4,000 people a year
- Supporting over 1,500 parish and school leaders
- 72 church schools that serve 15,000 children
- Free access to resources



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