

Finance Debrief — 24 July 2020



MyFundAccounting Online

Data Developments have developed an On line version of their ever popular finance package Finance Co-ordinator (FC), called *MyFundAccounting.Online (MFAOL)* with some free Webinar Training available on Wednesdays and Thursdays for you to sign up for. <https://www.datadevelopments.co.uk/services/>. A Diocesan Scheme is available to parishes who wish to migrate over to MFAOL at the cost of £5 per month, although there may be some free licences available on a first come first served basis or if you would like to take up this new package if you do not already use FC. Especially designed for Church Treasurers without accounts knowledge with the added advantage of it being accessible by other members of the PCC for reports etc. Please note we no longer have the resources to conduct Independent Examinations unless you use MFAOL or FC from January 2021. contact finance@lichfield.anglican.org There is also a compatible package to replace Donations Coordinator called *MyGiving.Online*.



Charitable Status

Most churches are “Excepted Charities” and are therefore not registered with the Charity Commission. You can download a PDF that includes your church name, address and church code. This PDF, which is an extract from the Church of England’s database of churches, can serve as a certificate for churches requiring proof of their charity status when registering for online and card-based giving. Click on the download button below and fill in the short form. You will then be emailed the certificate as a PDF.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/231/more-information/download-certificate/>

HMRC Charity Recognition

<https://www.gov.uk/charity-recognition-hmrc>

You can register your charity’s details with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to help with grant applications, changing bank details and forms where a charity number is required but you do not have one. This is different from registering as a Charity but gives you an HMRC reference number which is often used to identify churches as charities who do not have a charity registration number.

Please contact finance@lichfield.anglican.org for help with this process.

Fees

As from 1 July Statutory Fees have been conditionally reinstated. Please go to <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/finance/finance-fees/> to download the form you can fill in to calculate fees to be submitted.

Please email the form to finance@lichfield.anglican.org

Please send your fees remittance to 00030004 30-95-04 quoting your benefice reference if known.

Alternatively, you may email the finance department on the above address and ask one of the team to collect your fees submission by Direct Debit. Please note that Retired Clergy are no longer required to claim their fees directly from the LDBF.

'Donate Now' for your donors via the Diocese

Following on from our previous debriefs we are excited to tell you the "Donate Now" button is live on the Diocesan Website!

With the help of local software company Data Developments you can now direct your donors to the "Donate Now" page on the Diocesan Website, they can click the "Donate Now" button, complete their details, click next where they can choose your Church from the drop down list. There is an option for them to agree to Gift Aid their donation and also an option for them to cover the transaction cost if they would like to. Like with Contactless and Giving Direct the funds are received into the Diocesan bank account as we are the registered Charity and reduces the cost to parishes. We will pass on the funds as soon as possible along with a report showing when the donations were made.

'Donate Now' for your donors via the your own website.

Also available from Data Developments is a tailor made "Donate Now" button that is specific to your church that you can include on your own websites and is also available as a link to put on your "A Church Near You" webpage. This is one area we have not fully tested yet so if you would like to give it a try please get in touch finance@lichfield.anglican.org

Donate Now



Parish Share Consultations

If you received an email concerning the survey to Incumbents, Wardens and Treasurers and haven't done so already, please note that we would like your response by no later than **31 July 2020** in order for us to be able to use the information in our forecasting and more importantly, in helping us look at the support we may be able to give our parishes at this difficult time. Please click [here](#) to complete the survey.

Further FAQs are available concerning the Parish Share are available on our website [Covid-19](#) page.

Financial Reports

Take a look at our [Covid-19](#) page to find up to date financial information concerning the Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance.

There are also copies of letters sent by our CEO Mrs Julie Jones to Clergy and staff.

Some of our staff have been brought back from Furlough, we are all continuing to work from home. Please direct all queries for members of the Finance Team to finance@lichfield.anglican.org and we will ensure it gets to the right person.

We thank you for your patience during these unprecedented times—please remain safe!

Best wishes from The Finance Department

