



Parish Share Support Package 2021

To Incumbents; PCC Secretaries and Treasurers

Dear Colleagues

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Following on from the Support Package last year, as the pandemic has impacted on our Churches across the Diocese for the first half of this year, some parishes have enquired whether the Diocese will be in a position to help again this year. During the recent round of Deanery consultations, the subject was raised, and it was reassuring to hear how well received the support was in 2020. As well communicated the Board itself is facing financial challenges and remains conscious of the continuing challenges facing the parishes.

After consultation with Bishop's Council, the Parish Assessors and the Finance Committee members it has been agreed to offer every parish share account a credit note of **1 month's share** (equates to £0.96M) with some flexible options:

1. The Credit Note can used to pay December 2021 share.
2. If a parish can pay their 2021 share then encourage to either: -
 - a. donate their credit note to a struggling parish in their Deanery (or other parish in the Lichfield Diocese of their choice)
 - b. Use any credit note to offset against 2020 arrears provided their 2021 share is paid in full.
 - c. Allow it to be used by the DBF as an additional contribution.

Option 1 is the default position in all cases, and will automatically be applied - however, if your preferred option is 2 (a); (b); or (c) please email your request to finance@lichfield.anglican.org and we will ensure that your parish share account is updated. We are not asking parishes to move their 2021 Credit to 2022 however, any overpayment of Share in 2021 will be automatically moved to 2022 at the year end.

In addition to the above Parish Share Support Package it will be proposed that for 2022 there will not be any increase in the Share requested to parishes - although this will be subject to the approval of Diocesan Synod in November.

The Board of Finance remains grateful to all the work carried out locally in Growing the Kingdom.