

What is the Retired Priests' Fund?

When active ministry ceases, Diocesan priests live independently in retirement. Priests generally retire at 75, often after having given 40-50 years of service to the people of the Diocese – well beyond the retirement age of most lay people. As they live independently, retired priests support themselves and are unable to rely upon the financial support provided by a Parish.

Priests receive a minimal wage during their years in active ministry, and so most only receive the basic state pension upon retirement. As a response to this, the Retired Priests' Fund seeks to help sick and retired priests with their basic living needs, providing a pension, accommodation etc... Our priests rely on what the Fund provides after devoting their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ.

Why does the Retired Priests' Fund need help?

The Retired Priests' Fund is dependent on donations. As a result of the tremendous support that the people of the Diocese have shown in the annual special collection in previous years, the Fund has managed to help sick and retired priests in need. However, the number of Priests needing support has increased in recent times and is expected to grow rapidly in the future.

How can you help?

Continued support of the Retired Priests' Fund is essential if we are to meet increased need in the future. Our priests are living longer, healthier lives like many people today. Living longer means that the Retired Priests' Fund is drawn on for a longer period of time. At present, we have around 90 priests in active ministry and there are 33 sick and retired priests. But in the next 10 years, the number of retired priests will increase significantly, greatly increasing demands on the Fund.

There are 3 ways you can give to the Retired Priests' Fund:

1. Donate Online

You can donate Online to the Fund. And if you donate Online you will also be able to Gift Aid what you choose to give to the Retired Priests' Fund. Just go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund

2. Donate by Standing Order or Cheque

If you would like to request that a Standing Order is posted to you, please print off and complete the form in this leaflet and return it to the address on the form. Alternatively, please send an Email to the Email address on the form. If you would like to make a donation by Cheque, please make this payable to **Retired Priests' Fund** and send it to the address shown for the Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service at the end of this leaflet.

3. Donate to the Annual Special Collection

Churches throughout the Diocese participate in a special collection held annually in January or February. This usually takes place as a Retiring Collection at which cash donations can be made. If you would like the Fund to be able to claim Gift Aid on your donation, please donate Online, or donate by Standing Order or Cheque and print off and complete the Gift Aid Declaration in this leaflet.

Boost the value of your donation with Gift Aid!

If you donate Online, you will also have the opportunity to Gift Aid this whilst making your donation to the Fund. If you make your donation by Standing Order or Cheque and want to Gift Aid your donation, please print off and complete the Gift Aid Declaration in this leaflet and send it to the address shown for the Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service.

Gift Aid provides a great boost to the value of your donation, increasing it's value by 25%!

A donation of £10 would be worth £12.50

A donation of £25 would be worth £31.25

A donation of £50 would be worth £62.50

A donation of £100 would be worth £125

A donation of £500 would be worth £625

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Legacies

If you would like to help the priests of the Diocese when they have finished active ministry by leaving something in your Will, please contact the **Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service**.



STANDING ORDER FORM

If you would like to make a regular donation to the Retired Priests' Fund by Standing Order, please print this form and complete the information requested. On completion, please return it to the address shown below. A Standing Order form will then be sent to you by post.

Alternatively, you can request a Standing Order form by sending an Email to the Email address shown below.

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Retired Priests' Fund in this way – it is greatly appreciated.

Name

Address

Post Code

Phone No

Please return this form to your Parish or to:

**Planned Giving and Gift Aid Service,
Diocese of Shrewsbury,
Curial Offices,
2 Park Road South,
PRENTON CH43 4UX**

Phone: 0151 652 9855 Fax: 0870 094 1142

Email: pg@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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Protecting your privacy. The information about you provided on this form will be used to post a Retired Priests' Fund Standing Order form to you or to contact you to provide details so that you can set the Standing Order up yourself Online. Your personal details will not be used for any other reason and this form will be destroyed immediately once the information has been used as described in this notice. You can read our full Privacy Notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice