

## Feedback from Cuthbert Group- DS 26 September

- Covid has thrown into stark relief that many Parishes cannot meet their PS through regular committed giving. We have to fund raise-constantly-to top up weekly giving
- The 2019 Savings package is effectively a cut of clergy pay, and pushing back much housing updates/repairs
- Parishes have not received fees eg for weddings, christenings, which form part of their regular income
- We hear of other Parishes that Simon has thanked for meeting their Share already. How?? Any tips to circulate that others can copy? Door knocking to ask for contributions that would have been made at Fetes/Dog Shows/Coffee Mornings completely unrealistic
- Parishes in socially deprived areas suffer more than those in more affluent “middle class” areas. (But the ending of Furlough could see many more made redundant)
- A few Parishes have seen members increase during the pandemic-most, the reverse.
- Huge impact of being able to worship via Zoom. But this excludes those not on Zoom. Shouldn't we do more to encourage digital communication?
- Many regular givers have not increased their giving for years. Shouldn't Treasurers make pointed requests they do so?
- We feel concern that funding support to Education Board is cut. We must continue support to children, showing them Gods love

One thing to action (after Zoom discussion from Groups)-

Going back to what matters most- Be realistic-bite the bullet. We need to shed some church buildings. We cannot afford them. Break the annual cycle of trying to make ends meet when the truth is they can't