

Winchester Deanery Synod – meeting on 17th October 2012

Finance Report

- 1. Parish Share payments in 2012:** Up to the end of September, Winchester Deanery had paid £655,123, just 1% short of the amount then due and £55,200 more than in the same period of 2011. This performance was helped by the fact that 6 parishes had paid more than the amount then due, largely offsetting the shortfalls from 6 parishes. The remaining 14 were on target. Winchester was second best among deaneries in percentage shortfall. The total paid by all deaneries (excluding notional contributions for Deanery Mission Funds) was £54,000 more than in the same period of 2011; 6 deaneries paid less than in 2011 and the total paid was 7% less than due.
- 2. Diocesan Budget and Parish Share for 2013:** there has been nothing further to report since my updating report dated 15th August. Deaneries that have not yet provided details of the apportionment of Share to parishes have been asked to do so by 30th November; that information has already been provided for this Deanery.
- 3. Parish accounts for 2011:** all the parish accounts have now been sent in but there are some figures not in the accounts that have not yet been received. I hope that a table of statistics will be available shortly.
- 4. Independent Examiners:** At least two parishes are seeking an Independent Examiner. Any volunteers among present or former Parish Treasurers or others will be welcomed.
- 5. Parish Giving Scheme:** The meeting at Chineham on September 19th was attended by over 100. Apart from the main presentation on the Parish Giving Scheme, by those running the scheme for the Diocese of Gloucester, there were workshops on four kinds of stewardship campaigns: Giving for Life (Gloucester), Giving in Grace (Liverpool), Rural Giving Programme (National Stewardship Officer), Parish Funding Programme (Guildford). The Ven. Michael Harley, Archdeacon of Winchester, spoke and the meeting was run by the Revd Gordon Randall.

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10th October 2012