

Deanery Finance Committee – Report for Deanery Synod 14th April 2016

Thank you to every Parish that contributed to the Common Mission Fund last year. As a Deanery, we ended up contributing £1,017,419 to the Diocese in 2015 which is about 11% up from our contributions in 2014. Overall, our collection rate was 99.14%, slightly ahead of the average for the Diocese of 98.3%. Thank you very much to everyone who stretched to achieve their target and especially to those parishes that paid above the sum requested from them. We also thank you for your payments to the Deanery budget, to meet its running costs.

We are now in the cycle of Annual Accounts and the calculations for next year's Common Mission Fund. May we ask all parishes to send a copy of their parish accounts to their link person on the Deanery Finance Committee (more below) as well as to the Diocese. Forms have been distributed for the calculation of the Worshipping Community for each parish and these need to be completed, approved and emailed to me at winfinchair@gmail.com as Deanery Finance Chair by Monday 23rd May at the latest.

As a Committee over the last 12 months we have sought to improve our liaison with parish treasurers, to give advice and support and to keep in touch with any particular challenges that a parish is facing. Each parish has a link to a member of the committee and the full list is as follows:

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Finally, may we continue to commend use of the Parish Giving Scheme, which has proved to be a huge help to those parishes that are using it; to pay the Common Mission Fund contributions by Direct Debit (frequency and amount are both able to be very flexible to suit circumstances); and to encourage parishes to make use of the resources available them in the Diocese to promote generous giving.