

Deanery Finance Committee – Report for Deanery Synod 17 October 2018

Common Mission Fund

Thank you to everyone in parishes who provided information requested by the Diocese to calculate next year's CMF requests. The proposals were circulated in July and a few parishes within the Deanery have applied for special consideration that would see a reduction in their request. Those were discussed carefully by the Finance Committee and have now been passed onto the Diocesan panel that makes the decisions.

Thank you too for all the CMF contributions received so far, and particularly to the many parishes in the Deanery that have generously agreed to pay in 10 instalments. That's a huge help to Diocesan finances.

As we head towards the end of the year, we would appreciate being warned if any parish will find it difficult to make the full contribution this year. A few have kept us informed and we're grateful for that. But if others are likely to struggle, it is really helpful to know how things stand.

Deanery Synod finances and subscription rates for 2019

Many thanks to all those that have sent in this year's subscriptions. A few parishes were still to do so by early September. If you are one of those then the parish Treasurer should have received a reminder and we would be awfully grateful if you could pay up promptly please.

The Deanery coffers remain sufficient and we are not proposing any increase in subscription rates for 2019, so they would remain at £95 per entitled member. That would imply a continued modest deficit, to be covered from our reserves.

Finance Committee membership

Firstly I'd like to thank Committee members for all that they have done: Karen Kousseff, Ruth Guy (both *ex officio* members), Nick Goulding (Treasurer), Malcolm Lemon (Secretary), Mike Gardner, Derek Rutherford and Michael Collett.

Sadly for us, Derek will be standing down as he is moving away from Winchester. So special thanks to him this time and best wishes for the future.

That does mean we would welcome one or more new members next year. We meet probably something like four times a year. No particular financial expertise or qualifications are required. I'd be happy to give more details or talk to anyone who might be interested.

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