

Deanery Finance Committee – Report for Deanery Synod 27 April 2017

Common Mission Fund

First of all, many thanks for the payments made in 2016. We know this took a lot of effort for some parishes and are very grateful, including to Barton Stacey & Bullington for making a significant additional contribution. The overall Deanery shortfall was less than £10,000 and we were one of only two Deaneries contributing over £1m for the year. The Diocese as a whole contributed £9.3m, up over £200,000 on 2015.

Thank you also to everyone who has set up direct debit payments for 2017, including quite a few who have responded to the Diocesan request to make 10 equal payments. Winchester's proportion of direct debit payments is far higher than any other Deanery, equivalent to nearly 90% of the annual total.

The Diocese has now started the process for calculating 2018 CMF requests, and has tried to simplify the process by using an online survey. Each parish is asked to submit a response by 15th May, which Deaneries will review by 12th June. Please let us know if you have any questions about this process, or the CMF more generally. As this is the final year of the three-year transition period, the Diocese will be asking all parishes to move up to their "target" CMF request for 2018. The Diocese acknowledges that this involves a considerable increase in some cases and the guidance includes some suggestions for parishes that anticipate difficulty in meeting their CMF request.

Deanery Finance Committee

Following recent changes on the Finance Committee, including the welcome arrivals of Derek Rutherford and Michael Collett, we have refreshed the "link members" to liaise between parishes and the Committee:

- Michael Collett: Upper Dever, Headbourne Worthy & King's Worthy;
- Nick Goulding: St Bartholomew, St Lawrence, East Winchester, Holy Trinity;
- Andrew Holder: Colden Common, Morestead, Owslebury, Twyford and Lower Dever ;
- Malcolm Lemon: Christ Church, St Cross & St Faith, St Luke, St Matthew; and
- Derek Rutherford: St Barnabas, Compton, Hursley & Otterbourne.

These members are the first point of contact between parishes and the Committee, not the only point. We may not have all the answers to any queries – that's certainly true in my case – but can liaise with others to help the best that we can. And please feel free to raise any matter with me also.

We'd be grateful if each parish could send their link member a copy of the final 2016 accounts when they are available please. Treasurers and incumbents should already have email contact details, but let me know if you would like a reminder.

Deanery Synod Finances

Our treasurer, Nick Goulding, will be sending out subscription requests a little later in the year. The existing level is being held at £90 per member for this year.

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