

Deanery Finance Committee – Report for Deanery Synod 28 September 2017

Common Mission Fund

Thank you for the continuing CMF contributions this year. By August, Winchester has contributed over £762,000, up from £681,000 last year, and more than any other Deanery. The increase on last year partly reflects the generosity of those parishes who have agreed to pay their CMF request over 10 months rather than 12. That's a great help to the Diocese. As it gets towards the end of the year, we would be grateful if any parish would let us know if they expect difficulty in meeting the full CMF request for 2017.

All parishes should have received their proposed CMF requests for 2018. The Finance Committee received applications from five parishes for Special Consideration for 2018 CMF payments. We are grateful for the work that has clearly gone into preparing them. We discussed the applications earlier this month and they have been forwarded to the Diocesan team, who are expected to consider applications next month.

Deanery Synod finances and subscription rates for 2018

Thank you to the many parishes that have already paid their subscriptions for this year. We would be grateful if the few remaining could do so too please.

We have been able to hold subscription rates flat in recent years because the healthy state of the Deanery finances has allowed us to budget for a modest deficit. That cannot continue forever, particularly as the number of Synod members has fallen over time alongside the size of congregations. So the Finance Committee proposes that subscriptions for 2018 should be set at £95 per member, compared with £90 this year.

Deanery Stewardship Promoter

While not strictly Finance Committee business, we are delighted to hear that Beauman Chong has agreed to be Deanery Stewardship Promoter. Beauman will act as a link between parish stewardship promoters and the Diocesan team led by Revd. Gordon Randall.

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