

Parish Share 2022-2023

A Concise Guide



An Introduction from Bishop Nick

So, what is Parish Share and why does it exist?

We hope that this concise and easy-to-share online guide will help you answer those questions, questions which I'm sure are asked often across our diocese.



Simply put, Parish Share enables us to do the stuff of the kingdom of God. God's kingdom, rooted in Christ's call to discipleship, is not about the flourishing of the church itself, other than in order to enable the church to serve and transform the world bit by bit. We remember in this diocese that confident Christians grow churches which exist for the transformation of our communities.

In that spirit, with that dynamic, and in the light of God's eternal love and grace, we seek to progress through mutual encouragement, faith and commitment.

Parish Share helps us do that.

The Parish Share system means we can ensure there is a Christian presence through effective ministry and mission in every part of our diocese. In fact, every pound goes towards clergy stipends, pension and the provision and maintenance of clergy homes.

Not all our church communities are the same, but, like different parts of the body, we each play our part in ensuring the flourishing of the whole body.

Parish Share ensures we can support ministry in every parish, including those who would not readily be able to afford it. Every effort is made to be equitable in both the gathering and distribution of its benefits - primarily in supporting our hardworking and committed clergy as they serve Jesus Christ and the people of our diocese.

May I again thank you all for your generous giving, which underpins our shared vision and I hope this guide will be useful in explaining why Parish Share is so important to us all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Baines'.

Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Who we are

450 parishes

600 churches

30,000 worshippers

8,100 annual life events

320 stipendiary clergy
and curates

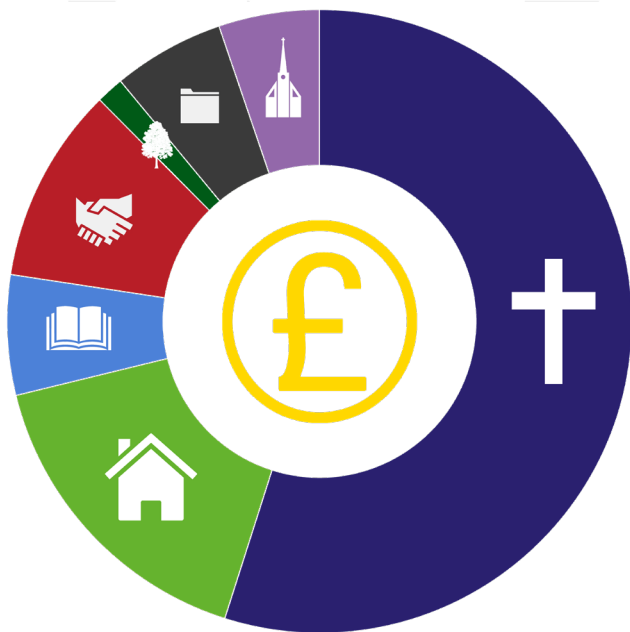
3 cathedrals

450 clergy houses

240 church schools



How's the money spent?



For every £100 spent...



£55 on ministry in parishes



£10 on parish and schools support



£16 on clergy property



£2 on retreat and outdoor centres



£6 on ministry and mission



£6 on shared central support costs



£5 on national church and grants

What do we mean when we say?...



Ministry in parishes: Paying the stipendiary costs of 282 clergy and 92 curates across the diocese.



Clergy property: Maintaining 450 clergy houses and paying council tax, water rates and insurance.



Ministry and mission: Sponsoring candidates for ordination, training curates and clergy, as well as significant investment in equipping people for lay ministry. This funding also covers the vital focus of supporting youth and children's work, community engagement and providing resources to tackle environmental issues.



Parish and schools support: Providing shared support services such as safeguarding, stewardship, DAC, communications and human resources expertise. Supporting 240 church schools and 35 non-church schools delivering education to 72,000 children, and delivering online training and drop-in sessions to school leaders and staff.



Retreat and outdoor centres: Supporting the work of our retreat centre, Parcevall Hall, whose costs are fully recovered as income, and Marrick Priory, where young people can engage with the gospel through outdoor pursuits.



Shared central support and governance costs: Covering all the costs associated with running the diocese including, finance, legal and registrar costs, as well as ICT .



National church and grants: Contribution to training for ministry (which is then received back through grants funding to ordinands) and a very small amount of other national church costs.

Where does the money come from?

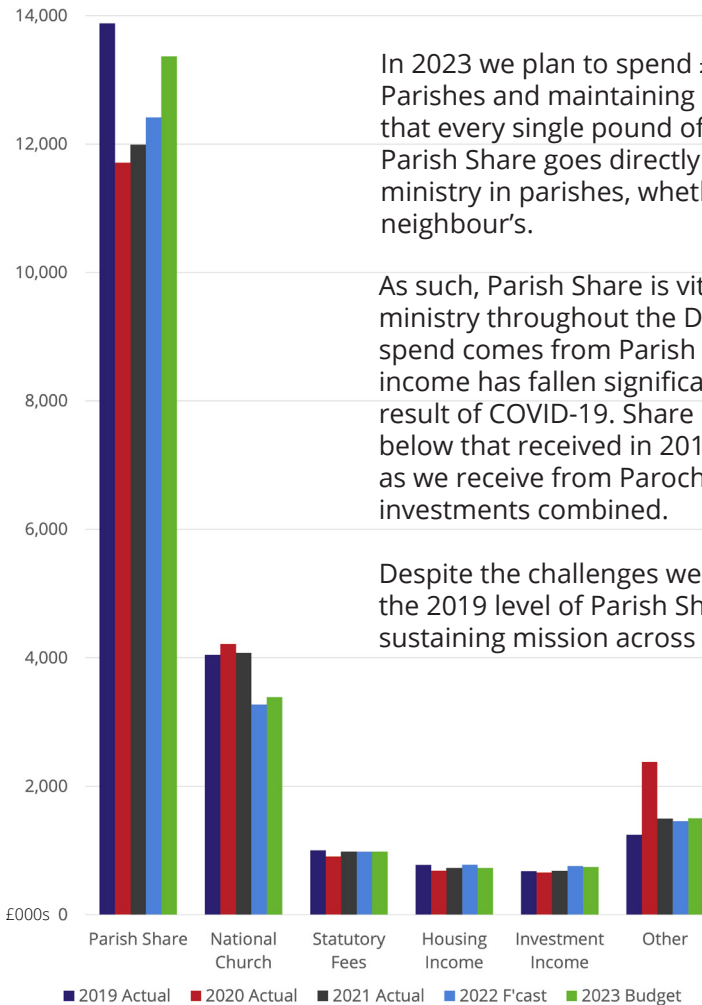
Our income comes from a variety of sources, but the largest by far is Parish Share. In 2023, we are budgeting for share to provide two thirds of our income.

We receive £3.4m a year from the national church to support ministry in the most deprived communities and to fund additional curates. We then generate a further £4m from statutory fees, letting property, investment, grants and the provision of services to schools and parishes.

In 2023 we plan to spend £15.7m on Ministry in Parishes and maintaining Clergy houses. This means that every single pound of money given through Parish Share goes directly towards supporting ministry in parishes, whether yours or your neighbour's.

As such, Parish Share is vitally important to funding ministry throughout the Diocese - £2 of every £3 we spend comes from Parish Share. Our Parish Share income has fallen significantly in recent years as a result of COVID-19. Share income in 2021 was £1.9m below that received in 2019 – that is almost as much as we receive from Parochial Fees, rental income and investments combined.

Despite the challenges we all face, a return towards the 2019 level of Parish Share is necessary for sustaining mission across the Diocese.



Support from the Stewardship Team

Parish Share can always feel like a lot of money to give, but it is worth remembering that this money works hard for Christ sustaining his Church and mission in the Diocese of Leeds today, and for the future.



Janet Edmond, Stewardship Officer

The Stewardship team at Church House can assist you in the selection, preparation and delivery of Stewardship programmes to help boost your church's general finances as well as provide advice and support on how to continue growing a culture of generosity within your church. They can also help support you to access grants, run fundraising campaigns and explore new ways to generate additional income that will help to fund your local projects.

To contact the Stewardship Team please email: resourcingparishes@leeds.anglican.org

Useful Links to Online Resources for Parishes

- Parish Share Explained video: youtu.be/UcwapgYZ3ns
- Your Parish Share Explained: www.leeds.anglican.org/parish-share-explained
- Stewardship and Income Generation Team pages: www.leeds.anglican.org/stewardship-and-income-generation
- The Parish Giving Scheme: www.leeds.anglican.org/parish-giving-scheme
- Generosity Week Resources: www.leeds.anglican.org/generosity-week
- Online Giving and QR Codes: www.leeds.anglican.org/online-giving-and-qr-codes
- Parish Resources Website: www.parishresources.org.uk

For further information regarding Parish Finance & Support please visit : www.leeds.anglican.org/finance-support

For enquiries relating to Parish Finance, Stewardship & Income Generation please email: resourcingparishes@leeds.anglican.org

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