

Use of Low Income Communities (LINC) funding

The LINC grant has been reviewed as part of the National Church's triennium funding review which has led to an increase in the amount the diocese will receive from £618,178 in 2025 to £864,188 for 2026.

The grant is based on the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) which assigns a score to around 34,000 neighbourhoods across the country. This data is then mapped to the parish boundaries to assign a score to each parish. More information about IMD can be found here: [English indices of deprivation 2025: statistical release - GOV.UK](#).

We specifically identify those with an IMD score for their parish of 3,000 or less (there are 12,239 parishes across the country allocated a ranking).

Historically, the LINC funding has been used to support with costs of ministry, which has enabled us to separate parish share requests from the cost of ministry for a specific parish, acknowledging that many would not afford to pay on this basis. Without the LINC funding, the parish share budget would need to be much greater.

In recent years we have also identified specific needs for the use of LINC funding within those parishes.

As part of the increase to the grants being awarded, additional reporting of how the grant is being used is required. This includes ensuring all recipient parishes are aware that they are recipients.

The list of LINC parishes is included in appendix 1.

How 2025 funds were used

The following table details the specific use of LINC funding to support parishes where a need was identified. This includes covering the cost of administrative staff to enable the incumbent to be able to focus on the ministry and mission of the parish. Whilst the amount specifically applied appears low, the impact has been significant for those who have benefited. We continue to identify additional areas where LINC may be able to provide support, whilst balancing the overall need to support the diocesan parish share budget for these parishes.

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	2025 spend
<i>Project specific spend</i>	
Cosham & Wymering - admin support	12,367
Paulsgrove - admin support	10,503
West Leigh - admin support	2,292
Grantfinder database	6,468
Support for web domains	100
Support for faculty costs	343
Other	1,754
Project specific spend	33,827

The 2025 grant has also been used to offset any unpaid parish share for recipient parishes. The following amounts have been offset against LINC where parishes were unable to meet their full request for 2025.

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Parish	Deanery	Calculation	Requested	Paid	Shortfall vs calculation	Notes
St. Mary, Portsea	PORTSMOUTH	109,690.55	82,402.95	82,402.95	27,287.60	
Saint Luke and Saint Peter, Southsea	PORTSMOUTH	32,990.44	18,561.90	18,561.90	14,428.54	
Warren Park St. Clare	HAVANT	3,735.29	3,735.29	4,077.29	- 342.00	
St. Michael and All Angels Paulsgrove	PORTSMOUTH	10,643.33	10,643.33	10,643.33	-	
St. Francis, Leigh Park	HAVANT	36,033.53	17,500.33	10,208.32	25,825.21	
Wymering	PORTSMOUTH	24,723.59	24,723.59	24,723.59	-	
West Leigh, St. Alban	HAVANT	16,949.19	16,902.65	16,950.00	- 0.81	
Barton	Isle of Wight	29,698.92	32,209.24	5,000.00	24,698.92	
Harbour Church Portsmouth	PORTSMOUTH	185,041.59	80,000.00	80,000.00	105,041.59	
St. Catherine Ventnor	Isle of Wight	30,314.39	26,112.45	22,260.00	8,054.39	
St. Saviour, Portsea	PORTSMOUTH	32,360.64	30,000.00	30,000.00	2,360.64	
Saint John the Baptist, Oakfield, Ryde and Holy Trinity, Ryde	Isle of Wight	18,639.69	18,639.69	18,638.19	1.50	
St. Saviour Shanklin	Isle of Wight	25,566.46	10,000.00	2,500.00	23,066.46	
Yaverland	Isle of Wight	8,075.82	8,129.19	900.00	7,175.82	
Ryde	Isle of Wight	36,940.02	1,000.00	1,000.00	35,940.02	
St. John the Evangelist Lower Sandown	Isle of Wight	14,880.93	6,000.00	6,000.00	8,880.93	
Holy Trinity Ventnor	Isle of Wight	17,178.16	15,859.88	15,864.00	1,314.16	
Chale	Isle of Wight	6,287.68	7,660.17	7,659.28	- 1,371.60	
Forton, Gosport Christ Church and Gosport Holy Trinity	GOSPORT	125,833.57	35,000.00	35,000.00	90,833.57	
Whippingham	Isle of Wight	21,210.93	13,683.13	13,682.00	7,528.93	
Christ Church Sandown	Isle of Wight	33,236.10	20,582.10	20,583.00	12,653.10	
Godshill (All Saints)	Isle of Wight	12,109.21	19,168.15	18,168.00	- 6,058.79	
Bonchurch	Isle of Wight	20,835.92	18,137.46	14,396.00	6,439.92	
Hart Plain	HAVANT	42,705.56	32,039.70	32,039.70	10,665.86	
St. Mark North End Portsea	PORTSMOUTH	56,838.65	62,291.45	57,064.52	- 225.87	
Mottistone	Isle of Wight				-	Combined with Brooke
St. Paul Gatten	Isle of Wight	11,568.58	13,177.38	13,177.00	- 1,608.42	
Brooke	Isle of Wight	11,314.32	11,905.28	11,904.64	- 590.32	
Newtown	Isle of Wight	8,921.28	7,595.57	1,800.00	7,121.28	
Newport Minster, Saint John and Carisbrooke	Isle of Wight	82,567.90	50,000.00	50,000.00	32,567.90	
The Good Shepherd Lake	Isle of Wight	7,312.24	7,312.24	1,100.00	6,212.24	
Bridgemary, Elson and Rowner	GOSPORT	57,481.81	57,481.81	44,857.00	12,624.81	
Calbourne	Isle of Wight	3,629.74	6,291.54	4,718.00	- 1,088.26	
The Good Shepherd, Crookhorn	HAVANT	43,326.58	48,604.70	48,603.14	- 5,276.56	
Niton	Isle of Wight	12,709.47	12,709.47	10,200.00	2,509.47	
Brading	Isle of Wight	12,397.80	12,397.80	5,250.00	7,147.80	
Shanklin	Isle of Wight	22,711.15	15,000.00	15,500.00	7,211.15	
St. Jude Southsea	PORTSMOUTH	127,669.89	127,632.75	127,632.75	37.14	
Shorwell with Kingston	Isle of Wight	11,239.92	12,690.30	12,690.00	- 1,450.08	
St. John Wroxall	Isle of Wight	6,308.32	6,308.32	9,308.00	- 2,999.68	
Swanmore St. Michael and All Angels	Isle of Wight				-	Closed
Gatcombe	Isle of Wight	13,808.67	13,081.08	13,080.72	727.95	
Freshwater	Isle of Wight	36,691.19	39,346.60	12,000.00	24,691.19	
		1,422,179.01	1,052,517.49	930,143.32	492,035.69	

The total parish share requested for the LINC parishes for 2025 was £1,052k across 43 parishes or 22% of the total parish share budget; this compares to £1,422k based on the new calculations from the parish share review. The LINC funding has also enabled us to phase the transition to the new calculations.

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How 2026 funds will be used

The details of specific projects and roles expected to be funded through LINC for 2026 are shown below:

	2026 Budget
<i>Project specific spend</i>	
Cosham & Wymering - admin support	12,399
Paulsgrove - admin support	10,840
West Leigh - admin support	6,180
Grantfinder database	4,851
Support for web domains	100
Support for faculty costs	1,500
Other	
Project specific spend	42,050

In addition, the LINC grant will support the parish share budget enabling the transitional arrangements to continue. The increase in the grant also allows us to not factor all of the stipend increases into the parish share budget (we have increased the budget by 3% compared to an 8-10% increase in stipend costs).

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Appendix 1 – LINC parishes

Parish Legal Name	Parish Local Name	Deanery Name	Parish IMD rank (1=most deprived out of 12,239 parishes)
St. Mary, Portsea	Portsea: St Mary	PORTSMOUTH	435
Saint Luke and Saint Peter, Southsea	Southsea: St Luke & St. Peter	PORTSMOUTH	436
Warren Park St. Clare	Warren Park: St Clare	HAVANT	460
St. Michael and All Angels Paulsgrove	Paulsgrove: St Michael & All Angels	PORTSMOUTH	495
St. Francis, Leigh Park	Leigh Park: St Francis	HAVANT	503
Wymering	Wymering: St Peter & St Paul	PORTSMOUTH	565
West Leigh, St. Alban	West Leigh: St Alban	HAVANT	578
Barton	Barton: St Paul	Isle of Wight	632
Harbour Church Portsmouth	Harbour Church Portsmouth	PORTSMOUTH	683
St. Catherine Ventnor	Ventnor: St Catherine	Isle of Wight	834
St. Saviour, Portsea	Portsea: St Saviour	PORTSMOUTH	975
Saint John the Baptist, Oakfield, Ryde and Holy Trinity, Ryde	Oakfield: St John	Isle of Wight	1,118
St. Saviour Shanklin	Shanklin: St Saviour-on-the-Cliff	Isle of Wight	1,123
Yaverland	Yaverland: St John the Baptist	Isle of Wight	1,160
Ryde	Ryde	Isle of Wight	1,303
St. John the Evangelist Lower Sandown	Sandown: St John the Evangelist	Isle of Wight	1,304
Holy Trinity Ventnor	Ventnor: Holy Trinity	Isle of Wight	1,331
Chale	Chale: St Andrew	Isle of Wight	1,430
Forton, Gosport Christ Church and Gosport Holy Trinity	Forton, Gosport Christ Church and Gosport Holy Trinity	GOSPORT	1,643
Whippingham	Whippingham: St Mildred	Isle of Wight	1,724
Christ Church Sandown	Sandown: Christ Church	Isle of Wight	1,891
Godshill (All Saints)	Godshill: All Saints	Isle of Wight	2,055
Bonchurch	Bonchurch: St Boniface	Isle of Wight	2,111
Hart Plain	Hart Plain	HAVANT	2,117
St. Mark North End Portsea	Portsea: St Mark, North End	PORTSMOUTH	2,217
Mottistone	Mottistone: St Peter & St Paul	Isle of Wight	2,336
St. Paul Gatten	Shanklin: St Paul, Gatten	Isle of Wight	2,342
Brooke	Brook: St Mary the Virgin	Isle of Wight	2,354
Newtown	Newtown: Holy Spirit	Isle of Wight	2,362
Newport Minster, Saint John and Carisbrooke	Newport Minster, Saint John and Carisbrooke	Isle of Wight	2,450
The Good Shepherd Lake	Lake: The Good Shepherd	Isle of Wight	2,461
Bridgemary, Elson and Rowner	Bridgemary, Elson and Rowner	GOSPORT	2,543
Calbourne	Calbourne: All Saints	Isle of Wight	2,553
The Good Shepherd, Crookhorn	Crookhorn: The Good Shepherd	HAVANT	2,561
Niton	Niton: St John the Baptist	Isle of Wight	2,578
Brading	Brading: St Mary the Virgin	Isle of Wight	2,615
Shanklin	Shanklin: St Blasius	Isle of Wight	2,664
St. Jude Southsea	Southsea: St Jude	PORTSMOUTH	2,751
Shorwell with Kingston	Shorwell w Kingston: St Peter	Isle of Wight	2,759
St. John Wroxall	Wroxall: St John the Evangelist	Isle of Wight	2,844
Swanmore St. Michael and All Angels	Swanmore: St Michael & All Angels	Isle of Wight	2,874
Gatcombe	Gatcombe: St Olave	Isle of Wight	2,900
Freshwater	Freshwater: All Saints	Isle of Wight	2,932

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