

# How parish share helps

Thank you for your amazing generosity in paying parish share into the central pot. Here's a reminder of what your donations pay for:

1 **OUR CLERGY**

Most of what we pay into the central pot is spent on providing clergy for every parish across the diocese. The system allows us to support ministry and mission in every corner of the diocese, regardless of the wealth of the congregation or community



2 **CLERGY HOUSING**

Our parish share also goes on providing housing and maintenance, plus Council Tax bills and pensions for our clergy

4 **SAFEGUARDING**

Our donations help to pay for a team of experts who can offer training and support in this vital area, helping to ensure our church activities are as safe as possible



3 **TRAINING**

Your parish share also goes towards training for your current vicar, and the process by which we discover and theologically train new people who God has called to lay or ordained ministry



5 **NATIONAL C of E**

Some of our funds are passed to the national Church of England, to be spent national priorities such as pre-ordination training for our clergy



8 **SCHOOLS**

Our education team supports 38 C of E schools and five academies in our diocese. Because they work jointly with Winchester diocese, costs are shared

6 **EXPERTS ON TAP**

Need advice about church buildings, communication, vocations, stewardship, legal issues, mission, HR or finance? Your parish share ensures we have expert advisers who can help you quickly

9 **DIOCESAN SYNOD**

Your parish share helps to pay for the structures that allow you to have a say in decision-making, including our Diocesan Synod



7 **DIOCESAN OFFICE**

Our office at Peninsular House provides a workspace and meeting place. Costs are kept to a minimum, as we own two floors of this building and rent one floor out to another organisation



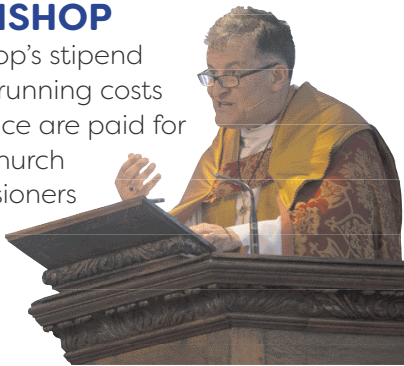
10 **SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION**

Much of our diocese's work in this area is via our Council for Social Responsibility run by Canon Nick Ralph (left). It is a separate charity and almost cost-neutral. But a small amount of our funds help to support this work

...and here are some things that your parish share donations do not pay for:

**THE BISHOP**

Our bishop's stipend and the running costs of his office are paid for by the Church Commissioners



**OUR CATHEDRAL**

The stipends for our Dean and two residentiary canons of the cathedral are paid for by the Church Commissioners



**OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS**

Although our church buildings are vital, none of our parish share is spent directly on the upkeep of those buildings. Parishes themselves are responsible for church buildings, which means they fundraise and obtain grants

**STRATEGIC ACTIVITY**

Many activities relating to church-planting, pioneer ministry and other strategic initiatives are funded by the national C of E's strategic funding stream. This also pays for some of our diocesan strategy officers working in this area

**CARBON NET ZERO POSTS**

All diocesan officers employed to work on our carbon net zero commitments are funded by the national C of E

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