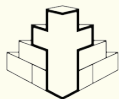


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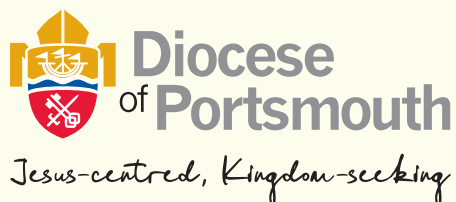
2 programmes of Cornerstone Workshops are planned over the next 9 months.

- There will be an Autumn 2025 programme with introductory Webinars at 4pm and 7pm on September 17th, 2025
- Workshops will be held on both the Mainland and Isle of Wight on dates and at venues to be confirmed.
- There will be an early 2026 programme with introductory Webinars at 4pm and 7pm on January 21st, 2026
- Workshops will be held on both the Mainland and Isle of Wight on dates and at venues to be confirmed.

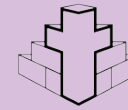
To express your interest in participating in a Cornerstone Workshop Programme, please reply to cornerstone@portsmouth.anglican.org.



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A free online learning tool to support a church to understand and improve their giving practice and generous culture.

The ministry and mission of parish churches is mostly funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it through money, time and talents. But when times are tough, financial struggles can seem overwhelming.

Cornerstone has been developed by the National Giving Team, with the aim that it will take you on a journey to understand your church's giving culture and financial situation. This will leave you with clear, simple steps to grow giving and income.



Benefits of Cornerstone

As part of the Cornerstone process, you are encouraged to ask questions of yourselves and your situation.

From here, we will help you to identify areas of giving practice that could be improved; these are chosen to meet the needs of your church or parish. You are then guided through simple steps to take appropriate action on these areas.

These steps, are contained in Pathways, which are chosen by you to build on the great work you already do.

One of the main benefits of Cornerstone is that each Pathway has been designed as a series of short tasks, so that it doesn't feel too much of a burden. The aim is to make this as easy as possible while delivering great results. Some of the Pathways also provide guidance on areas that churches find challenging to work on such as 'Measuring and communicating the impact of giving' and 'Encouraging giving from new congregation members'.

Other benefits include:

- Dedicated time to review giving and generosity.
- Opportunity to complete Pathways which give the biggest impact for your specific church.
- A greater understanding for all church decision makers of church finances.
- Time saved on researching how to grow giving and generosity.
- Step by step guidance on how to develop less tangible areas of giving and generosity.
- Access to a free grants database with over 600 grant opportunities available.
- Access to your parish data which is visualised in easy to read graphs.

The Six Stages What's involved?

We have summarised the Cornerstone process into six easy to follow stages.

1. **Invitation** - You are invited to participate in the Cornerstone process by your Diocesan Giving Advisor.

2. **Briefing** - During a webinar you are briefed on what's involved and what the expectations are.

3. **Research** - You will gather the parish's data and other information.

4. **Workshops** - Face to face sessions take place, examining the data that was gathered during the 'research' stage.

5. **Pathways** - You will choose actions/Pathways that will make the greatest impact on giving in your parish.

6. **Implementation** - You will work through your chosen Pathways.