

PCC Stewardship & Finance Health Check

Introduction

Use this handout to review your stewardship and financial management in your parish....

#	Description	Your Parish/benefice
1	Do you have a clear statement of mission and vision for your parish? a We don't have one. b We have one but have not shared it effectively c We have one and it is well-known.	
2	How frequently do you include financial issues as part of your ongoing teaching on discipleship? a Never b Sometimes c Often	
3	When did you last provide church members with some principles to guide them in their giving of money to the church? a Never b Sometime ago c Always available	
4	Do your church members understand why your church needs money, and the link between their giving and resultant mission and ministry? a Probably not b A few do c Most members do	
5	How do you give away money to other Christian causes and charities? a We don't give much away b Only via special collections c We have a policy of giving a percentage of income away	
6	Do you celebrate successes? a Never b Sometimes c Often	
7	Do you have a policy for how the Church would use legacy gifts? a No b Informally c Yes and it is publicised in the church	
8	Do your givers receive a personal 'thank you' regularly? a Never b Some years c Every year	
9	Does your Parish use the Parish Giving Scheme? a No b Yes and a few givers use it c Yes and the majority of our givers use it	

10	Have you registered with Parish Buying and reviewed all your relevant contracts and bills against their deals? a No b Yes but we have not checked recent offers c Yes	
11	Are you aware of the Grantfinder service now offered through the Diocese to assist in seeking external funding for new initiatives or capital projects? a No b Yes but we have no need for it at the moment c Yes and we are currently using it to secure funding	
12	Do you utilise an accounting software package to help monitor finances and provide regular reports to the PCC? a No – everything is on spreadsheets. b Yes, but the PCC only receive updates occasionally c Yes and the PCC receive updates at most meetings	
13	Do you have a clear policy on reserves? a No b Informally c Yes	
14	Do you have a Stewardship Promoter? a No b Yes but they have not done/been able to do much recently c Yes and they regularly address our congregation	

Questions adapted from Giving for Life – Pointers to Action
www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife

All parishes should aim to be able to answer **c** to most of these questions.
If you would like any advice on moving from an **a** or **b** answer to a **c** please contact
colin.harbidge@winchester.anglican.org or gordon.randall@winchester.anglican.org