

# The Parish Support Team

The Parish Support Team are available to help with many and varied topics. If you don't see what you need here, please contact us directly and we will be able to signpost you to the right place.



*Gracious God,  
who alone brings growth to your Church,  
send your Holy Spirit to bring  
fruitfulness from our serving,  
wisdom from our learning,  
joy in our growing,  
grace to our loving  
and unity in our purpose.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen*

### **Living Generously as Disciples**

Discipleship and stewardship are fundamental to our Christian identity. As 'God's own people' (1 Peter 2:9) we are called to live God's way, generously, as Christ taught. God is counting on us to love and serve generously, that together we 'may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called [us] out of darkness into His marvellous light' (ibid).

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### **Grant Funding**

At some point every parish will face a new project that requires a large injection of funds, whether that be building related or a community project. This can present a huge challenge, often outside the scope of regular fundraising activities such as fetes and recitals. The good news is that there are 1000s of trusts and grant making bodies which may be able to help.

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### **Understanding the Common Mission Fund**

The Diocese of Winchester is funded by the Common Mission Fund. Contributions to the Common Mission Fund are gifts – a gift from each parish to support and grow ministry and mission across all our parishes, enabling the love of Christ to be shared. Investing in our mission leads to overall growth.

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### **Digital Giving**

It is important to consider which giving mechanisms you offer within your parish context. With cash becoming less frequently used, do you have sufficient alternatives on hand to ensure that people can give in whatever form they wish? Digital giving includes card readers, online donations, QR codes and the Parish Giving Scheme.

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### **Alternative Income Generation**

There are a range of options available for parishes seeking to grow their alternative income, i.e. renting out spaces in their car parks, installation of EV chargers in car parks, lease hire of buildings, or hosting telecoms infrastructure on the tower or spire of your church building.

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### **Net Zero Carbon Funding**

As well as being good stewards of our finances, God calls us to steward and care for creation. There are several grants available to help with this. One example is the Quick Wins grant. This is for small (up to £3k) carbon reduction projects, such as LED lighting, pew heaters, insulation or updating electricity supplies. Further grants are available for support with making your building more efficient and creating a plan for Net Zero Carbon, with more funding expected from 2026.

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### **Caring for God's Creation**

Creation Care can sometimes be seen as a burden, but the opposite is true: it offers opportunities for our discipleship, resource stewardship and mission. 80% of UK adults are worried about climate change; we have the tools to help them. We can offer resources and support to help you care for creation throughout your church life, whether it's managing your churchyard, leading services/preaching, engaging with your community and more.

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### **Racial Justice**

It is easy for those that systemically accumulate advantage to say we are all equal and all justice matters, yet evidence shows that UKME/GMH individuals within our communities are not being represented in the diocese. This shows up in a number of ways such as not being represented at synod, or not identifying a suitable vocational pathway. We seek to rectify this and find pathways to encourage inclusion and diversity.

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### **The Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC)**

The Committee's role is to give the Chancellor of the Diocese its opinion on the suitability of works being proposed by a parish. As part of their deliberations, the Committee will consider; the missional benefit of the proposal, its potential impact on the building's historic fabric, and of course the quality of any design being put to them. Works being proposed could be to a church or in the churchyard. They might include repairs, restoration, conservation, re-ordering – or even building something new. Early conversations with the DAC team are recommended in all cases.

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### **Minor Repairs & Improvements Grants & Church Building Support**

Aimed at providing small grants to help with projects that focus on urgent repairs and small-scale improvements, applications for the Minor Repairs and Improvements Fund can be submitted for projects totalling up to £20,000. Amounts will be awarded based on deprivation and other factors. Our Church Building Support Officer can also help in understanding your QI report and the next steps you need to take.

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### **Clerical Registry**

The Clerical Registry is a group of (mostly) retired priests with a vast experience of ministry who are willing to cover services, whenever needed, beyond their home parishes. All Registry members have the Bishop's Permission to Officiate and are fully DBS checked (and therefore covered by your insurance). Cover is free during an interregnum, for holiday cover a service fee will be charged.

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### Clergy Housing

All clergy houses are cared for by our property agents Savills. They are responsible for maintenance, upkeep and responding to emergency repairs. Although we hope these are few and far between! Please visit [Clergy Housing Hub - Diocese of Winchester](#) to find all the information you need, or contact:

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### Pastoral Re-organisation

Pastoral re-organisation is a useful tool to help us to adapt to a changing world, and can range from changing the name of your parish or benefice, to changing boundaries or uniting parishes. The pastoral process is filled with consultation to ensure that everyone can have their say.

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The Parish Support Team is also responsible for:

- The Parish Portal / Online Directory
- Stats for Mission / Parish Finance / Energy Footprint Tool
- Diocesan Synod Governance & Bishop's Council
- Parish Governance queries
- Land management questions for parochial owned property

Useful Links:

[Online Directory / Parish Portal](#)

[Online Faculty System](#)

[Parish Returns Online](#)

[Parish Resources](#)

[A Church Near You](#)

[Home - ACAT](#)

[Parish Buying](#)

[South East Cyber Resilience Centre](#)

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