

Parish Share 2021 Background information

How have we calculated the parish share figure?

A standard parish share is calculated based on the annual Diocesan budget. The clergy number and the parish banding is applied to the standard share to calculate the amount requested from each Parish.

In 2021 a 1% rise was applied to the previous year's standard share. So, for this year, Parish Share has been calculated using the following formula: -

Parish Share = Clergy Number x Banding x Standard Parish Share

The standard parish share for 2021 is as follows: -

Year	Standard parish share	105% band	Percentage rise on previous year
2020	£64,404	£67,624	2.5%
2021	£65,048	£68,300	1%

For example, a parish with 1 clergy in the main 105% band gets a parish share of $(1.0 \times 1.05 \times £65,048) = £68,300$

Whilst the Standard Parish Share is subject to a 1% increase in 2021, the increase will be applied from the 1st of April 2021, rather than the usual 1st of January, therefore the amount that will be requested in 2021 will be slightly less than the actual 2021 Parish Share.

Please note that future calculations will be based on the actual Parish Share rather than the Parish Share requested.

The 2021 budget went to the Diocesan Synod in November. The paper submitted to Diocesan Synod can be found on the Parish Share page on our Website.

What is the approximate cost of a member of the clergy?

We estimate this as follows: -

Stipend (excluding payroll admin costs)	26,558
Pension, NI, Retirement housing	12,965
Removals, resettlements etc	1,923
Archdeacons and Rural Deans	742
Housing (excluding improvements & new houses)	7,050
Ordination selection & training (national)	3,951
Other ministry support	3,499
Spread cost of curates in training	5,593
Discretionary Funds and Extraordinary Items	330
Savings made during vacancies	-2,954
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	£59,657

What about other DBF costs (per member of clergy)?

The Diocesan Board of Finance also provides support to parishes through a number of committees and pays a share of the national church costs. It receives non-parish share income such as fee and investment income.

Approximate figures per member of the clergy are: -

Diocesan support to parishes *Note1	11,327
National Church	2,543
Provision for underpayment of parish share *Note 2	9,701
Less:- Non parish share income	-8,937
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	14,634
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Total :	£74,291

The difference of £9243 between the cost per member of the clergy (£74,291) and the 2021 standard parish share of (£65,048) is mainly explained by the fact that the 2021 budget shows a significant deficit. It is anticipated that the deficit will be funded from reserves.

Note 1

This item includes Diocesan Administration, advice and support to parishes (including DAC, Safeguarding and legal), Training, Diocesan Outreach and Education.

Note 2

This figure is significantly higher than normal as the budget has been prepared anticipating a Parish Share collection rate of 85% (of the requested Parish Share) rather than the previous 95% collection rate due to the restrictions arising from Covid pandemic.

How is the socio-economic banding arrived at?

It is a ranking of parishes in the Diocese according to the proportions of people living in the parish with professional/managerial jobs as compared to those with routine work or unemployment, derived from the 2011 census, the bandings will be updated when the new 2021 data becomes available.