

# Parish Share

What it means for you and your church



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Chester

# What is Parish Share?

Parish Share is the amount of money that your parish is asked to contribute to pay for mission and ministry, specifically for clergy stipends and their housing. This leaflet explains how the costs of mission and ministry are worked out and what those costs are for 2025.

The Parish Share that you are asked to pay is calculated using a formula which considers whether your clergy are full time or part time and where your parish is situated socio-economically using the 2021 census information. It also takes into account our shared responsibility to support parishes in areas of deprivation. There's more information about how this is calculated in the Parish Share section of the Chester Diocese website.

# Where does the money go?

The ministry and mission of The Church of England is largely funded through the incredible generosity of those who give through their own parish church. The cash donations in the offertory and the regular payments that you make through your bank account impact the financial health and the mission of your own parish church and are also closely linked to those of Chester Diocese.

## Parish Share contributes towards:



Clergy



Clergy Housing



Training for Clergy



Parish Support



Wider Mission & Outreach

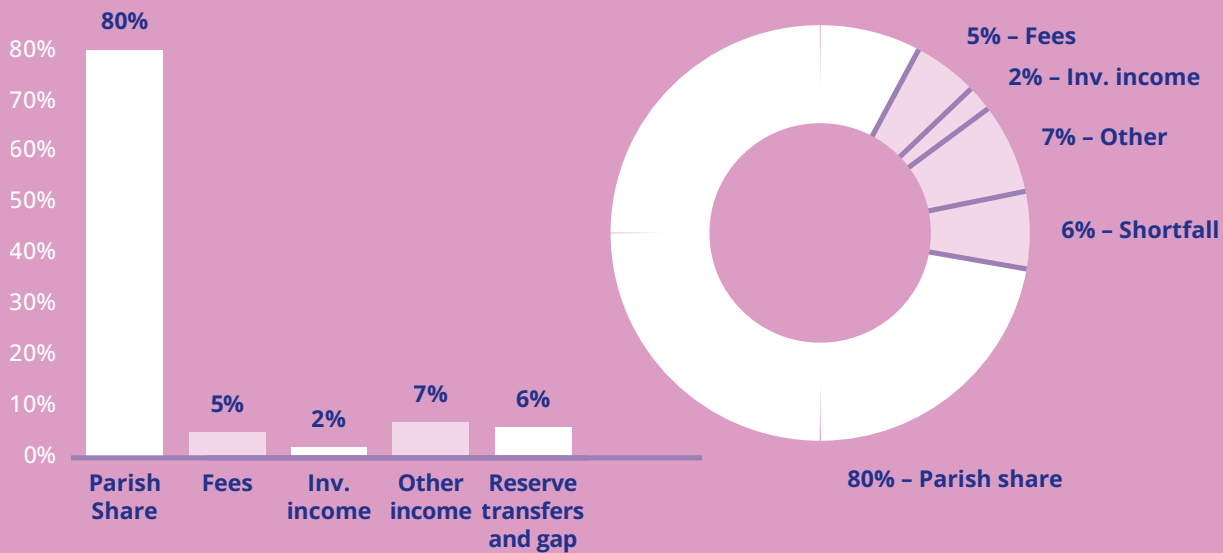
Thanks to your support, in churches across our Diocese:

- † Communion is celebrated
- † The Gospel is preached
- † Bereaved families are comforted
- † School assemblies take place
- † Baptisms and weddings are ministered
- † People are shown the love of Christ by our pastoral presence in every community



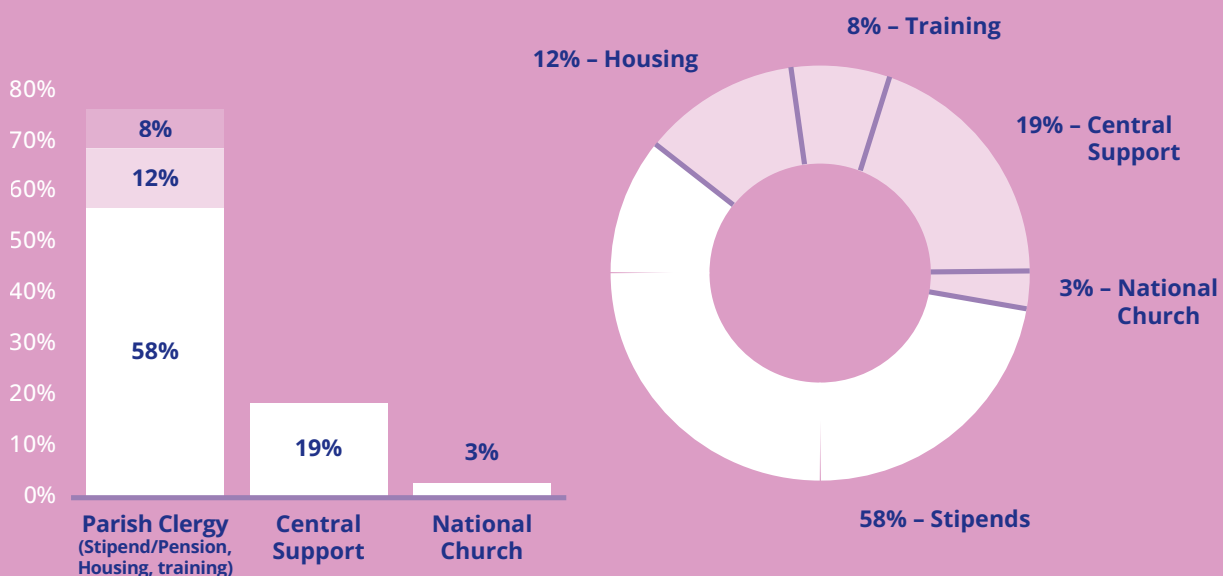
# Where does the money come from?

For 2025, our diocese's income budget is £13.8m



# How is that money spent?

For 2025, our diocese's expenditure budget is £14.5m



Together in Christ, sharing hope

## Thank you for your generosity.

With your continued support we can achieve our shared vision, Together in Christ, sharing hope: blessing the 1.5m across Chester Diocese who have not heard the Good News of Jesus.

### Further resources

You can download copies of this leaflet from the support section of the Diocese of Chester website. Printed copies can also be ordered by contacting [parishshare@chester.anglican.org](mailto:parishshare@chester.anglican.org)

A video about the 2025 Parish Share including a thank you message is also available on our website. This may be useful for sharing with your church members when talking about generosity and Parish Share.

Watch the video by visiting our website or by scanning this QR code:



## Contact us

If you have any queries please contact Sharon Taylor-Booth in the Finance Department using the email: [parishshare@chester.anglican.org](mailto:parishshare@chester.anglican.org)

If you'd like to find out more, please search for Parish Share on our website.

If you are struggling to give your Parish Share please contact the Finance team or your Archdeacon.

