**Ministry Hardship Fund Application Form**

Chester Diocesan Board of Finance has received a grant of £72,000 from the Archbishops’ Council as part of a nationwide scheme to assist those in Anglican ministry who are struggling with the cost of living crisis. The Archbishops’ Council has allowed for a wide range of potential applicants involved in ministry. However, Chester Diocesan Board of Finance will focus the use of these funds to make targeted hardship grants primarily to stipendiary clergy engaged in ministry in the Diocese of Chester experiencing financial hardship as a result of increases in the cost of living, especially heating bills. These hardship grants will be one-off grants and will be given at the discretion of Chester Diocesan Board of Finance.

**If you are experiencing such hardship and would like to be considered for a grant, please answer the questions below and submit them no later than 07 October 2022. Late applications may not be able to be considered if no money remains after allocation.**

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| Position: |  |

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| Please provide a brief explanation of why you are experiencing significant financial hardship (for example: very high heating costs because of a large parsonage, other significant hardship as a result of the cost of living crisis). |
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| Please give a brief explanation of why you would experience hardship funding these additional costs from your own resources (for example a single wage earner in the household, responsibilities for dependants, low levels of savings). |
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| Please give brief details of any other support you are currently receiving or have applied for. |
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**Please return this completed form to your Archdeacon via their PAs, no later than 07 October.**

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