

**Secretary Name**

PCC Secretary (Townville: St Mungos)  
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Date: 02 Dec 2025

Dear {First Name},

**Thank you for your support**

Firstly, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and your parish for all that you are doing to minister in your local community and for all that you contribute to the Diocese of Chester.

Despite all the financial challenges of 2025, most parishes have remained faithful and diligent in their parish share giving. I appreciate that this level of giving is a big stretch for many parishes and I am truly grateful for your continued generous discipleship which enables the Diocesan Board of Finance to pay clergy stipends, clergy pensions and housing costs, plus some essential central operational and governance costs.

Due to rising inflation and regulatory costs, we anticipate ending the year with a deficit of almost £1 million. (This is in line with the budget approved at the beginning of the year by Diocesan Synod.) I am working closely with our new Interim Finance Director to identify opportunities to reduce our costs wherever we can and to ensure that all our income is stewarded as responsibly as possible.

**2026 Parish Share Request**

We are requesting an increase of 3% from all parishes.

The general 3% increase request is less than inflation so it will not fully cover our rising costs. However, we are grateful that the National Church is providing the Diocese of Chester with £692,000 of time limited support in 2026. We are using this gift to offset our increased costs (which are mainly clergy stipends and pensions) and are passing on the minimum possible increase to parishes.

Our 2026 budget is based on the hope and prayer that parishes will continue to give as generously as possible. Each 1% of parish share is worth £140,000, or roughly the equivalent of deploying two clergy. If parishes give less in 2026, this will have a real and immediate impact on our ministry. We remain very dependent upon your support.

**Printed Resources**

Please find below your parish share statement which will also be sent as a hard copy in the post.

This information is being sent by post to all PCC Secretaries. I would be grateful if you would pass this on to your PCC and wider congregation, along with our thanks and prayers for the coming year. A PDF copy has also been sent email to all PCC Treasurers, Churchwardens and Incumbents/Priests-in-Charge.

Further information about how your parish share is calculated is explained in this [Parish Share PDF Booklet](#).  
And in the [Parish Share section on the Diocesan Website](#).

If you have questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact: [parishshare@chester.anglican.org](mailto:parishshare@chester.anglican.org).

Thank you again, for all you are doing to share our hope in Jesus Christ in your community.

Yours in Christ,

Jane Pleace  
Diocesan Secretary and CEO

## PARISH SHARE ASSESSMENT 2026

Notification issued in December 2025

<b>Parish ID</b>	<b>1901</b>
<b>Parish Name</b>	<b>Townville: St Mungos</b>
<b>Assessed Annual Parish Share</b>	<b>£79,932.89</b>
<b>Monthly Parish Share</b>	<b>£6,661.07</b>
Your Direct Debit will be adjusted automatically to the above amount in January 2026 collection unless you contact us to make alternative arrangements. Please note if you have a deviation in place you <b>MUST</b> confirm this arrangement otherwise your Direct Debit will revert to the advised amount.	
Please send emails about Parish Share Direct Debit arrangements to: <a href="mailto:parishshare@chester.anglican.org">parishshare@chester.anglican.org</a>	

<b>Basis of Calculation</b>	
A full explanation of how the Parish Share is calculated, what it covers, Parish Share bandings, and Clergy Numbers can be found on the <a href="#">Parish Share section on the Diocesan Website</a>	
<b>Standard Parish Share 2026</b> This is the standard Parish Share used as the basis of all Parish share	<b>£76,126.57</b>
<b>Assessed Clergy Number</b> The proportion of licenced clergy time allocated to your Parish	<b>1.0</b>
A full breakdown of how your clergy number has been calculated is shown on the next page. If you believe that your clergy number is incorrect, or if it changes during the year, please contact your Archdeacon and myself know <b>straight away</b> . You can contact the Diocesan Secretary on: <a href="mailto:DS@chester.anglican.org">DS@chester.anglican.org</a> You can contact your Archdeacon on: Chester: <a href="mailto:michael.gilbertson@chester.anglican.org">michael.gilbertson@chester.anglican.org</a> Macclesfield: <a href="mailto:lesley.currie@chester.anglican.org">lesley.currie@chester.anglican.org</a> <a href="mailto:jane.proudfoot@chester.anglican.org">jane.proudfoot@chester.anglican.org</a>	
<b>Parish Banding</b> The Parish Share Band applied to your parish (2021 census)	<b>1.05</b>
A full breakdown of how your Parish Banding has been calculated is shown on the next page. If you wish to appeal your banding, details of how to do this can be found on our website. Appeals should be sent to: The Secretary, Parish Share Appeals Committee, Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury, Warrington, WA4 4GE.	
A full explanation of how the Parish Share is calculated, what it covers, Parish Share bandings, and Clergy Numbers can be found on the <a href="#">Parish Share section on the Diocesan Website</a>	

**The Total Parish Share for your Parish is £79,932.89, payable as £6,661.07 per month.**

This paragraph will contain a parish-specific note (if one is needed) to explain any anomalies, specific circumstances, or key changes to be aware of.

Your Direct Debit will be adjusted automatically to the above amount from January 2026. Please note if you have a deviation in place, you **MUST** confirm this arrangement with us otherwise your Direct Debit will revert to the advised amount.

If you have any concerns about paying your parish share, please do get in touch with us at: [parishshare@chester.anglican.org](mailto:parishshare@chester.anglican.org).

Calculation Details

	Assessed Band (2021 Census)	Applied Band (inc. any Appeal)	2025 Band	Transition Arrangement	2026 Band
Parish Share Band	1.05	1.05	1.05	N/A	1.05

	True Clergy Number	2025 Clergy Number	2026 Clergy Number
Clergy Number	1.0	1.0	1.0

Role	Person	Stipend	Proportion in parish	Pension	Housing	Scaling Factor	Clergy Number
Priest-in-Charge	Sam Clergy person	1.0	1.0	Pensionable Stipend	Diocesan House/Allowance	1.0	1.0
						Total	1.0

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