

PCC Members' Newsletter

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Parish Returns Portal

The parish returns portal is now closed for parish finance returns and energy footprint returns. Thank you very much to all the churches who have completed these returns – we really appreciate the time and energy it takes to do so. The information you have provided will hugely support the senior leadership for strategic planning and the Diocesan Growth Strategy.

If you have not yet submitted your parish finance return or energy footprint return, please do send your completed returns to molly.reuter@chichester.anglican.org and we will send your data to the national team to process.

Upcoming training for PCCs

We will be running some training sessions for anyone who is a new PCC trustee. This will be an online event on Wednesday 24th September at 7pm.

To book, please follow this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FCTH>

We will be running training for new PCC treasurers on Wednesday 17th September at 7pm

Book using this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FCTI>

Training for new PCC secretaries will be run on Thursday 18th September at 7pm. Follow this link to book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FCTJ>

If you are interested in running a legacy campaign in your church, please come along to our legacy webinar to find out more about how you can do that. We will be running our legacy webinar on Tuesday 23rd September at 1pm. To book on to this webinar please follow this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FCTK>

'National Support for your church' roadshow

A 'National Support for your church' roadshow will be coming to the South East region on the 25th of September. The event is being held in Tunbridge Wells and is open to all churches in the region.

The day is designed as an introduction to many of the tools and services provided by the National Church for clergy and their superstar teams, following on from the resource packs which were sent out earlier in the year (<https://digitalversion.uk/churchpack>). There will be a special focus on introducing The Church Organiser and MyFundAccounting. These sessions are designed to be 'Bring Your Own Device' training, where church teams can log in to their own system and go through the introductory training in a hands on manner with teams from both systems to guide them. Grant from The Parish Giving Scheme will be making a short presentation about their latest updates too.

Tickets can be booked here: <https://churchorganiser.org/events/>

ACAT Conference for church treasurers

ACAT Conference 2025 – Supporting Church Treasurers and Trustees

Taking place on **Saturday, 1st November in Manchester (and online)**, the ACAT Annual Conference is a one-day event focused on **church finance, governance, and giving**.

The keynote speaker will be Bishop Mark (Bishop of Middleton).

Topics include: Gift Aid, SORP updates, CIOs, tax issues, and more

Tickets will cost £20 which includes lunch and materials.

To book, please follow this link: <https://www.acat.uk.com/product/acat-conference-2025/>

Church House vacancies

Bishop's Chaplain for Retired Clergy and their Households

Retired clergy remain a huge asset in the Diocese of Chichester, being present in parishes preaching, leading, taking special services, serving and supporting our communities in all kinds of ways.

We wish to appoint a Bishop's Chaplain for Retired Clergy and their Households to provide pastoral and spiritual care, and support and advice to retired clergy and their households and those preparing for retirement.

This part time role is offered at 7.5 hours per week and could be combined with another position by someone either lay or ordained.

The principal duties include:

- Providing pastoral and spiritual care to retired clergy and their households and clergy widows/widowers.
- Offering advice, training and courses to clergy approaching and preparing for retirement
- Giving support and advice to retired clergy and their families and clergy widows/widowers on matters such as finance, housing, residential care and funerals
- Organising a one-day annual conference for retired clergy

For full details of the job please see the job description and person specification:

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/vacancies/bishops-chaplain-retired-clergy-and-their-households/>

Cornerstone

The ministry and mission of parish churches is mostly funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it through money, time and talents. But when times are tough, financial struggles can seem overwhelming. The Cornerstone platform has been developed by the National Giving Team, with the aim that it will take you on a journey to understand your church's giving culture and financial situation. It aims to leave you with clear, simple steps to grow giving and income.

Cornerstone is supported by an online platform that helps show areas where you can focus your resources to get the best results when it comes to increasing the culture of generosity in your church. The platform has easy to follow step-by-step actions which are called Pathways. It also has an extensive grants database which talks you through how to write an application. For more information, please watch the video on this link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/generosity-resources/cornerstone>

We will be running our second workshop for Cornerstone in the autumn. If your church would be interested in coming along to the workshop to understand how to use the Cornerstone platform which will involve looking at your parish's generosity profile, please do let Molly Reuter know. If you would like access to the Cornerstone platform to access the grants database or to explore the pathways, please contact Molly Reuter (molly.reuter@chichester.anglican.org) who would be happy to set you up with a log in.

Kind Regards,

Sarah and Molly

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