

# Parish support Newsletter

## December edition



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### Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to our December newsletter! We are delighted to share with you the latest updates and information for you and your PCC as we head into December.

It was wonderful to spend some time with the parishes who attended our Cornerstone workshop in November.

It was great to see that parishes felt equipped and empowered to continue to work on the generosity cultures within their churches. We look forward to running some more Cornerstone workshops in the new year.

Now that we are into the advent season, we hope that this will be an enjoyable time for you to spend with the communities that you faithfully serve and that we will see many people come to faith.

Finally, we want to remind you not to hesitate to reach out to us if any questions arise with regards to finance, stewardship and governance.

Enjoy this month's newsletter and we will see you in the new year!

*Parish support team*

#### In this newsletter you can expect:

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The new Anglican giving survey video / CofE Generous Christmas page

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Connectivity and giving survey



## Parish support survey

Our parish support team (Sarah Rogers, Molly Reuter, Andrew Smith and Dan Jenkins) would be really grateful if you could please take the time to complete our parish support survey. This survey will take minutes to complete and the responses will allow us to identify what support is needed and where as well as how we can adapt our support to best serve your parishes.

To complete the survey, please follow this link: [Parish support survey](#)



### Parish Returns Portal – Mission Statistics

The parish returns portal is now open for you to complete your mission statistics return.

**The deadline for the returns is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026.**

If you require a username or password reset for the portal, please contact Molly Reuter ([molly.reuter@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:molly.reuter@chichester.anglican.org)) who would be happy to set this up to you.



### Anglican giving survey video and generous Christmas resources

Please follow this link to see the new video generated from the results of the most recent Anglican giving survey. The results will provide some helpful ideas to focus on when you think about giving in your church. [Anglican giving survey video](#)

For ideas to encourage generosity in your churches during the Christmas season, please follow this link: [Generous Christmas](#)



## Children and Families Officer vacancy

Do you have a passion for helping children and families grow in faith? The Diocese of Chichester is seeking a **Children & Families Officer** to lead and deliver our strategy for children and family ministry across Sussex.

Please follow this link for more information: [Children and Families Officer vacancy](#).

*The deadline for applications is midnight on 21st December 2025.*



## Preparing for the employment rights bill

As the Employment Rights Bill brings significant changes to workplace obligations, it's essential for parishes to understand how these developments apply in practice. Join us for a free one-hour webinar on **Wednesday 28th January 2026**, hosted by Warner Goodman LLP. WG's Employment Law and HR specialists will outline the key areas of compliance and provide clear, practical steps to help your parish prepare for the forthcoming Employment Rights Bill and understand its implications for those working or volunteering within church settings. [Please register here](#)

### Connectivity and giving survey

The National Giving Team have developed a short survey around connectivity and giving that will inform their grants and offerings for the next triennium. Parishes are invited to respond to help inform how the funds will be spent from 2026-2029.

Please follow the link to complete this short survey: [Connectivity and giving survey](#)

*Thank you for reading!*

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