

Common Fund 2023

Resourcing God's mission in our parishes



Discussion points for a PCC

The questions below are suggested additions to your PCC agenda for meetings involving discussions and decisions on your pledge for the Common Fund.

It is unlikely you will use all the questions in the same PCC meeting, so choose the ones which you think will be the most useful in helping members understand how our Diocese is funded and the contribution you are making towards mission and ministry here.

The need

- Do PCC members understand how mission and ministry in the Diocese of Derby is financed?
- Do PCC members understand the cost of ministry in this parish?
- Do PCC members understand the reasons for the increase/decrease in costs over the previous year?

Our financial potential

- Are our church members giving generously to the Church?
- What other sources of income do we have?
- How have our sources of income increased or decreased over the past 2/3 years and do we know why?

Current commitments

- What have we given towards mission and ministry in the Diocese of Derby this year?
- What amount can we give in future years?

Our request based on new formula & our commitment for next year

- What issues suggest that we should increase our contribution towards Common Fund?
- What things might suggest that we might reduce our amount?
- Are we contributing the indicative costs of our ministry and therefore are we moving towards being able to fully support our ministerial costs?
- If we are meeting the costs of ministry are we also being generous to help others?
- What would constitute a generous contribution to the Common Fund this year?
- What will we commit to give?
- How can we explain our contribution to others?

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” James 1:17