

COVID Wellbeing Clergy Retreat Grant Application Information



Please note the COVID Wellbeing Retreat Grant is available for each clergyperson one time only during the 2021-2022 calendar years.

Time and space for spiritual refreshment is vital for spiritual leadership. Daily prayer time is obviously essential - but it is also important for clergy to make space for longer periods for prayer, reflection, and spiritual refreshment.

A retreat is a **planned time of spiritual refreshment** giving you the opportunity to rest, unwind, and explore your spiritual life through reflection and prayer. It offers the **chance to reflect in an unhurried way** on your life, your relationships, and your experience of God; to ponder the meaning of what has happened to you, and to prepare for the future.

Retreats **involve a good deal of silence** because many people have discovered, through the centuries, that it is in the quiet that they can best find themselves and God.

An individually guided retreat will often have daily spiritual direction throughout the retreat. Other **guided retreats** will sometimes have a theme, with a leader giving short presentations and resources to provide guidance and structure to each day. It may also include (optional) daily conversation with others in a group, some kind of shared activity, or individual meetings with a retreat guide.

Alternatively, you can also choose to simply spend a few days on your own or to engage with an online retreat or a series of quiet days through the year or to attend a Christian conference such as new Wine or Greenbelt or go on a pilgrimage or engage in more regular spiritual direction.

The choice is yours. Please feel free to decide what would best support your personal wellbeing and spiritual life at this time and do whatever will energise and give you life and provide the kind of environment that is most likely to help you encounter God in a deep and transformative way.

Finance is available for every clergy person in post, please do take this offer up and submit an application.

Who can apply for a COVID Wellbeing Retreat Grant?

The Diocesan COVID Wellbeing Clergy Retreat Grant is intended to support all ordained clergy currently active in any form of post, whether Self Supporting or Stipendiary Clergy. It is not available to clergy who are retired.

How much can I claim?

Because of concerns for clergy wellbeing post-COVID, £250 is being offered per person for the remainder of 2021 and the entirety of 2022 only. You can only apply for the grant once during that period, but the application can be for more than one event e.g., a series of quiet days or a Christian Conference and sessions of spiritual direction as long as the total being asked for does not exceed £250. You can also apply for support towards something that costs more than £250 but awards are capped at £250.

What is not covered?

Books are not funded by the Retreat allowance. CMD Training is funded separately. There is a separate CMD Grant Form you can apply for in addition to the Retreat Grant. Sabbaticals and Study Leaves are funded separately. (Please see guidelines and application forms available from Marietta Forman or on the diocesan website).

How do I claim?

Please complete the application form available from Marietta Forman or the diocesan website and send it to marietta.forman@derby.anglican.org. Invoices and/or receipts must be included before funds will be transferred.

Is there a deadline?

Applications should be placed with the Ordained Ministries Development Officer by **30th November** for that calendar year to allow the budget to be properly managed as year-end approaches (The Diocesan Board of Finance works to a calendar year). It will take approximately 3 weeks to process applications. Finance is in place to support an application from every clergy person in post.

It is not possible to carry money over, you are able to apply for this grant on only one occasion from the middle of 2021 to the end of 2022

Personal Details & GDPR?

You can find details as to how we use and retain your details on our Diocesan Website.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact the Rev'd Dwayne Engh with any questions.

If there is a complaint about how the grants were approved and/or distributed, please contact the Revd Canon Matt Barnes, Director of Mission & Ministry for the Diocese of Derby.