

News and information for Parish Treasurers - July 2019

Common Fund and Parish Share

We thought we would begin the latest newsletter by revisiting Common Fund and Parish Share. Parish Share is essential to the mission of the church in the diocese, without it clergy could not be supported. Please share this information with your Churchwarden and other PCC officers if you are able.

Parish Share is the sum of money contributed by each parish every year to the diocese to support local ministry. The Common Fund is the total of all 487 parish shares in Bath and Wells.

Every parish contributes to the Common Fund and every parish receives from the fund in the following ways:

- parish priest's monthly stipend
- clergy pension contributions
- housing costs
- clergy training
- the wide range of diocesan support services e.g. the Education Department, which supports local Church and community schools.

If you have not viewed the Common Fund film, we strongly recommend that you do so. It can be found on the [diocesan website](#). It is a helpful five minute film showing how the Common Fund works.

If you have any questions or queries about Parish Share and how it is calculated, please contact [Jessica Cook](#) or [Steve Thomas](#).

Parish Finance Dashboards

Parish Finance Dashboards have been produced by the Church of England Research and Statistics Unit to provide a useful source of information and be a clear picture of the reported patterns of income and giving in parishes and links to relevant government information at parish level. The 2017 dashboards have now been uploaded on to the [diocesan website](#).

Managing your Nat West Account

Nat West are continuing to see a high level of issues where PCCs are going into the branch as their first port of call to resolve issues on their bank account. The Senior Relationship

Manager has produced a helpful Contact sheet which can be located on the [Banking and Investment webpage](#).

All general enquiries contact the Customer Services Team on 0345 307 4401 or by [email](#).

Address: Corporate Service Centre, PO Box 2027, Parklands, De Havilland Way, Bolton BL6 4YU

For new mandates and signatory changes **only** contact the Relationship Support Team on 0117 943 5040.

Nat West - Managing signatory changes

One of the advantages of the Cash Management Scheme (CMS) is the simple process to change signatories without the need for ID Checks. Nat West has recently introduced random ID checks for security purposes. A new signatory may be asked to present ID at a Nat West branch or provide certified copies of ID through the post. Hopefully this will not happen very often but please contact Imogen Taylor if you have any problems or feedback.

You can download a Nat West PCC Change of Signatory Mandate on the [diocesan website](#).

Nat West Folk

Do you bank with Nat West?
Do you have income less than £100k?
Do you have an iPhone?

If you answer yes to all three questions, you may be interested in Nat West Folk.

Nat West are piloting an app for communities to bank digitally. You will be able to see all of your bank accounts and transactions at a glance, set up dedicated roles for people in your PCC, reduce risk and share responsibility for payment approvals (dual authorisation) and also use touch ID / face ID authentication.

If you would like to get involved, please contact [Steve Thomas](#).

JustGiving announces removal of platform fees

JustGiving has announced that it has removed its 5% platform fee for donations to UK charities and will instead ask donors for a voluntary contribution to support its running costs. Payments processed through JustGiving will still be subject to standard card processing fees of 1.9% plus 20p. In addition, JustGiving has changed its terms of service so that charities can choose to opt in or out of the Gift Aid reclaim service, though it believes that the majority of charities will continue to opt in to Gift Aid.

Payslips for Employees

New legislation in force from April 2019 will require all employers to (a) provide payslips to all workers, and (b) show hours on payslips where the pay varies by the amount of time worked. The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy have produced guidance on this legislation which can be found [on their website](#).

Funding Bulletin

The Parish Resources and Development Team can assist with grants available to churches- they produce a comprehensive Funding Bulletin which is updated on a regular basis. It is automatically posted on the Luke14:28 forum or you can sign up to receive it directly by contacting [Sue Whitehead](#).

Treasurer's Training Day - for new Treasurers and others who have not attended recently, Friday 27th September 2019, The Old Deanery, Wells BA5 2UG.

Fees Training - for anyone who completes the Parochial Fees Return including clergy, administrators and treasurers. Please register your interest. Dates for training days are to be confirmed.

To register your interest in upcoming training during 2019 please email [Yvonne Thompson](#).

New treasurers should receive our "Welcome email" within three months of starting signposting you towards where you can find support in your role. If you are a new treasurer and haven't yet received this, please email [Jessica Cook](#).

From the Giving and Funding team

The latest [Giving and Funding News](#) gives information on the National Lottery Heritage Fund workshops, card readers and contactless giving terminals, gift aid, legacies and Parish Buying. Please click the link to access this valuable information.

Let's meet

Email and phone conversations have their place but sometimes there is no substitute for talking through an issue face to face. If you would like to pop in and see us, please contact [Steve Thomas](#) tel 01749 685136.

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