



COMMON FUND CALCULATION

A number of factors are taken into account when Common Fund requests are calculated so that the allocation is as fair as it can be across the whole diocesan family. The same formula is used for all parishes, whether they are large or small, rural or urban.

What is taken into account?



1. The size of your church family (but not counting children, adults who are new to the church, those who are no longer able to attend, or undergraduate students).



2. Local deprivation. An adjustment is made to take into account local levels of poverty and wealth, amongst other things, so that richer areas help poorer ones. This adjustment is based on the Government's Indices of Multiple Deprivation.



3. Allowances are then made for each church building and parishes with more than 200 people in the worshipping community.