

GRANT FUNDING SOURCES

For clergy and their families



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SOURCES OF GRANT FUNDING within the diocese

Within the Diocese of Exeter there are a number of trusts available predominantly for the support and relief of clergy and their dependents. These can all be found on the Diocesan website grants page [here](#)

The trusts and a brief description of the terms under which they are able to support grant applications are listed below:

The Bishop of Exeter's Clergy Fund

For the advancement of religion through the support of licensed clergy and others employed and/or actively engaged in the ministry of the Church of England in Devon. Application forms can be obtained from your Suffragan Bishop, Archdeacon, Rural Dean or directly from the Bishop of Exeter's office.

There are a number of **Minor Trusts administered by Exeter Cathedral** listed below. Applications are invited from clergy once a year. For an application form please contact the Cathedral offices [here](#)

Philpott Boyd Education - Educational trust - support for clergy - especially for those taking higher degrees (clergy in the Diocese of Truro are also eligible).

Boyd for Exhibition

Assistance for the sons of clergy under 25 for any educational purpose

Philpott Boyd Church Endowment - For relief of clergy and dependents.

Mary Marriott Trust - School fees for sons of clergy at Exeter Cathedral School.

Harrington - Bursaries for boy choristers at Exeter Cathedral School.

Boyd for Apprenticing -

Financial assistance to boy choristers and ex choristers under 25.

Reynolds Whale- For students in need who are studying for holy orders under sponsorship of the Diocese of Exeter or dependents of said students. Preference given to students educated in, or resident in the Diocese.

Caryll Wenbon

Support & Maintenance of schools in Exeter providing training in doctrine of COE.

SOURCES OF GRANT FUNDING within the diocese

Grigg Smith Fund

The fund provided grants of up to £50 for theological books for clergy in the Diocese of Exeter. The money is paid retrospectively on production of receipts. Please email Justine Tear, justine.tear@exeter.anglican.org Bishop Robert's EA or **write to** The Bishop's Office, The Gatehouse, Palace Gate, Exeter EX1 1HX.

St Luke's Foundation

Offers grants for those undertaking study at postgraduate level.
Apply to St Luke's College Foundation [here](#)

Sarum St Michael Educational Charity

Clergy may apply for grants for post-graduate course funding, sabbaticals, attending conferences, etc. those training to become Self-Supporting Ministers may apply for grants for books or travel.
Apply to Sarum St Michael Educational Charity grants [here](#)



OTHER GRANT SOURCES

The following list of charities summarises some of the principle sources of grants and funds for clergy and their families. Please check grant criteria before applying.

National charities listed here may also offer specific assistance.

This major trust makes a wide range of grants available for Clergy and their families (formed by bringing together Friends of the Clergy and corporation of Sons of the Clergy)

The Clergy Support Trust

The Clergy Support Trust provides support to Anglican clergy (including ordinands and retired) and their families in the UK & Ireland. They offer grants: debt support, emergency, health, financial support and wellbeing including sabbaticals.

The logo for the Clergy Support Trust, featuring the words "Clergy Support Trust" in white text on a purple rectangular background. The word "Support" has a small orange plus sign at the end.

Bursaries, Sabbaticals, Education & Training

All Saints Educational Trust

In some cases quite generous grants. Keen on educational research, especially religious education. Unlikely to support overseas visits unless essential to study topic. Priority to imaginative church-based projects in further or higher education. Will support degree courses and postgraduate research. Application by 31 January is crucial. Considered in March. [Apply here.](#)

Association of Church College Trusts including Culham Education Foundation

The Association of Church College Trusts (ACCT) was formed in 1979, as a loosely-knit organisation of autonomous trusts. They all promote educational work, particularly the teaching of Religious Education. Each has a different emphasis and some have additional priorities; some focus on projects in their own geographical location. Culham Education Foundation grants are specifically to support personal professional development and are usually awarded to serving teachers or those working within the field of religious education such as advisers or early career researchers. [Apply here](#)

Ecclesiastical Insurance Ministry Bursary Awards

The Ecclesiastical Ministry Bursary Awards help ministers to finance extended study leave and ministerial development. The awards are open to all clergy in Anglican Christian faiths and aim to provide financial support to members of the clergy for sabbatical breaks and projects. The application window runs between April and September. [Apply here](#)

Fellowship of the Maple Leaf

Grants to assist the development of links between the Church of England and the Anglican Church in Canada. Will assist clergy who wish to spend time with the Anglican Church in Canada. [Apply here](#)



Bursaries, Sabbaticals, Education & Training

Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust

The Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust is an ecumenical charity that offers several grants each year towards vocational training for those considering preaching. Grants can be used towards course fees and materials for any recognised course that enables the applicant to explore or develop their preaching skills. May include 'gap year' style courses as well as continuing professional development courses. [Apply here](#)

Gladstone St Deiniol's Library -

Discounts to clergy and students as well as sabbatical rates with a limited number of scholarships and bursaries for those who wish to research, read or write at St Deiniol's. [Further information here](#)

Philip Usher Memorial Fund

Scholarships and travel grants for study abroad of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Applicants must be either ordained ministers, or accepted candidates for ordination. Priority given to applicants under 36 years old. The holder of the scholarship will be required to spend between 6-18 months abroad in the study of the faith and practice of an Orthodox Church. See website for further information. In addition to Scholarships, the Committee is able to award smaller grants for shorter periods of Orthodox study, if there are applications of sufficient merit, and resources are available. [Apply here](#)

Posbury St Francis Trust

PSFT provides benefit through the distribution of grants to support mission, evangelism and spirituality. Grants are available in two categories: Community and Personal. Before making your application, please read the Grants Policy. Grant application period opens on 1st January until 31st March 2023. The Trust has limited funds available for distribution each year and the Trust is unable to support funding for buildings or salaries. [Apply here](#)

Bursaries, Sabbaticals, Education & Training

Society for the Relief of Poor Clergy

Possible grants comes from two sources.

[See website](#) for further details, including application form.

Ministers in Training (MIT) fund

Grants for ordinands, to provide financial assistance during training.

[Apply here](#)

Society for the Relief of Poor Clergy (SRPC) also offers grants for evangelical clergy who need help with fees for their children going on Christian holidays. Priority given to applications from clergy who are attending holidays in leadership positions. Fund is limited and grants considered regarding individual financial & family circumstances. [See website](#) for further details, including application form.

St Boniface Trust

The Trust is a small charity established to advance the Christian Religion in accordance with the principles of the Anglican faith in all parts of the world, especially for the provision of education and training of clergy and lay people by the award of scholarships and maintenance allowance or any purpose concerning their spiritual or temporal welfare. Trustees meet 4 times a year. [Apply here](#)

St Christopher's Educational Trust

Individuals may apply for grants for projects designed to support academic and/or practical studies leading to better practice in Christian education and formation.

[Apply here](#)

St George's Trust

The Trust gives grants to Anglican clergy, seminarians and students. The awards are currently worth up to £350. Applications are encouraged during the early part of the year. See website for different application criteria. A brief letter of confirmation from a cleric's bishop, archdeacon or continuing education office is required to support the application. [Apply here](#)



Bursaries, Sabbaticals, Education & Training

USPG

Journey With Us and Expanding Horizons programmes provide opportunities to experience the life and mission of the church in another culture. Check website for details of Sabbatical Schemes. Find out about USPG opportunities [here](#)

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

A Churchill Fellowship grant funds up to two months overseas, meeting experts, visiting projects and learning new ideas. See website for criteria and further information. Application information [here](#)

Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust (WCMET)

The object of the WCMET is to further the Continuing Ministerial Education of women in the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church by means of grants to ordained women, female Accredited Lay Workers (including Church Army sisters) and religious sisters (lay or ordained) who are in need of financial assistance. The Trustees' policy is to assist work and ministry in areas that go beyond normal diocesan financial responsibilities or where normal diocesan resources are insufficient, for example in-service training, academic study, sabbaticals and travel. Apply to WCMET [here](#)



Vocational Grants

Additional Curates Society

Funds assistant priests, and encourages vocations to the priesthood. Giving grants to parishes to help pay costs of curates and encouraging vocations.

Placement grant grants are also available. Apply [here](#)

Cleaver Ordination Candidates Fund

The Cleaver Ordination Candidates Fund exists for the support and encouragement of Anglican ordinands committed to a traditional Catholic understanding of the priesthood and episcopate, and to urge the importance of continuing sound theological learning amongst the clergy. Apply [here](#)

Health

Pyncombe Charity

Grants for Church of England serving clergy (holding the Bishop's licence), or their family members who live with them, who are in need. Apply [here](#)

St. Luke's Healthcare for Clergy

St Luke's can help clergy and their family members when they are experiencing ill health. See website for details and also for wellbeing training resources [here](#)

Revd Dr George Richards' Charity

For an application form, contact Dr P D Simmons, 98 Thomas More House, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BU or telephone 020 7588 5583. Applications for grants are considered from clergy of the Church of England who are in need of assistance through sickness or infirmity and have become incapable of performing their clerical duties, thereby forcing them to take early retirement. Widows, widowers, and other dependants of such clergy can also seek assistance.



Holidays

Clergy Support Trust

Holiday grants. They will in approved cases make a grant every two years and they can be quite substantial. Also caretaker grants if you live in an unsafe area and need to employ someone to look after your home while you are away. Each case decided on need, if your spouse is earning a small amount it is still worth applying. Find out more [here](#)

Eggbeer Trust

Free holidays for Christian Workers. Two lodges on the edge of Dartmoor. Available all year round. Retired clergy and missionaries are welcome to apply. Apply [here](#)

The English Clergy Association

Main focus is to help clergy with holidays and rest from duty. Apply [here](#)

Mothers' Union

Away From It All (AFIA) is a Mothers' Union holiday scheme, primarily funded by our members, to give the opportunity of a break to those who may be experiencing stress or difficulties in their family life. Apply [here](#)



Children of Clergy

The Buttle Trust

To help children and young people growing up in financial hardship and aged 11-18. See website for further information. Apply [here](#)

Lawrence Atwell's Charity

Atwell supports young people from low-income backgrounds; to help them move into work, develop vocational qualifications, and improve their life chances. Two main programmes of funding; our Individuals Programme and our Charities Programme. See website for details [here](#)

Society for the Relief of Poor Clergy (SRPC)

The SRPC offers grants for children of evangelical clergy who need help with fees for going on Christian holidays. Priority will be given to applications from clergy who are attending holidays in leadership positions. Apply [here](#)

Working Families Tax Credit

A clergy family with two children and a small second income may fall within the threshold. Apply [here](#)



Clergy Spouse/Retired Clergy

Broken Rites

Broken Rites is a national, independent association of divorced and separated wives of Anglican Clergy, ministers and Church Army Officers. It is a source of support and Practical help to spouses of clergy who are separated or divorced. More information [here](#)

Church of England Pensions Board

Pension fund set up to assist retired clergy - the fund also offers grants and loans in times of financial need. More information [here](#)

Family Action

Support for some of the poorest families in the country. Provides grants as well as social work support to people of all ages, working with them to help them solve their own problems. This charity is not specifically church related. Details [here](#)

Foundation of Edward Storey

The Foundation of Edward Storey provides sheltered accommodation to widows or ex-wives of Church of England clergy, retired clergywomen, missionaries or other women with a close professional connection with the Church of England. See website for criteria [here](#)

Independent Age

Offer help and advice to older people. Such as advice on getting help at home, moving into a care assessments, paying for care, being discharged from hospital, money, benefits & much more. More information [here](#)

Debt Assistance

Christians against Poverty

Christians Against Poverty is a national debt counselling charity, with a network of 36 local centres offering debt counselling, practical services and financial education. More information [here](#)



General Assistance with Hardship

Elizabeth Finn Trust

Fund Grants to assist individuals and families who have been financially impacted by a recent life-changing event, empowering them to meet the challenges of their situation and thrive. See website for criteria and information for other grants [here](#)

Frances Ashton's Charity

The Frances Ashton Charity provides one off grants to serving or retired clergy of the Church of England and to their widows and widowers in cases where there is an exception or urgent need. More information [here](#)

Henry Smith's Charity

Aims to bring about lasting change to people's lives helping them benefit from and contribute to society. The Henry Smith Charity is amongst the largest independent grant makers in the UK, distributing over £32 million in 2019.

See website for further details [here](#)

Society for the Relief of Poor Clergy (SRPC)

Distributes some funds on behalf of Mabledon, for evangelical clergy/accredited lay ministers during a difficult personal time. See website for details [here](#)

The Smallwood Trust

Women's Resilience Fund provides grants and support for women on low incomes who have specific needs and are struggling to make ends meet or trying to overcome financial problems. See website for more details [here](#)

Society of Mary and Martha

Supporting people in Christian ministry and/or their spouses, especially at times of stress, crisis, burnout or breakdown. This national, specialist work set within a broadly based retreat & education framework. More information [here](#)

Turn 2 us

Turn2us is a national charity that helps people in financial hardship to gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and support services. The website has a search engine to look for grants and assistance. More information [here](#)