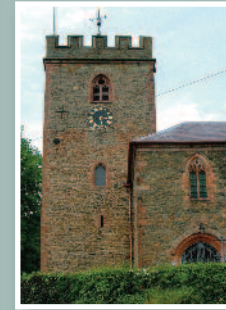


OUR PARISHES



Church in Wales Subsidy

Diocesan Investments

PARISH SHARE



Our Clergy, their homes and their work



The work of the Boards and the Diocesan Administration Team



Our Congregations



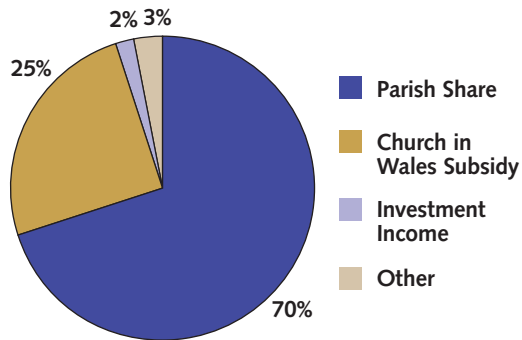
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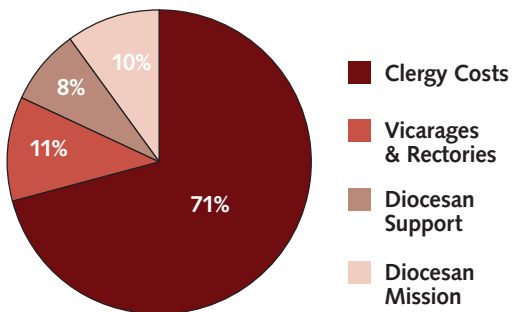


Understanding the Diocesan Budget

Income 2012 Budget £4,416,340



Expenditure 2012 Budget £4,403,785



A Message From Bishop Gregory

You may remember the 1992 hit single "The Best Things in Life are Free". Of course, they are; and for the Christian, the list starts with the grace of God, and the fellowship of the Church. However, ministry is not free – and the diocese must find money for stipends, housing, pensions, training and support.



Fortunately, the Church in Wales covers the cost of nearly a third of the bill, but the remainder falls to the parishes, assessed by a formula based on the number of worshippers and the ministry available to any congregation. This is the Parish Share.

It can all still be quite confusing, and not everyone understands how the finances of the Church work. This leaflet offers some basic information – to explain where the money comes from, and where it goes.

It is also offered with my thanks, because I realise that raising parish share is not easy, and sometimes it is hard to pull together as a diocese. But I do believe it is worth it – our clergy work hard, and are a faithful group, and this ministry is worth sustaining. Thank you again for all that you do in supporting their work.

+gregorylamonty:

So where does your money go?

For every £1 spent by the Diocese:

- 71p goes on paying for Clergy
- 11p on Vicarages & Rectories
- 8p on paying for Diocesan Support
- 10p on funding our Diocesan Mission

In the Diocese of St Asaph, we believe that this funding directly benefits all our congregations by providing ministry through stipendiary clergy, by providing help with administration and by funding the mission work of the Boards to benefit so many parishioners.

What do our Boards do?

Each board is designed to deal with a different area of Diocesan Life.

Boards that enable us:

- The Board of Finance
- The Board of Communication

Boards that equip us:

- The Board of Ministry
- The Board of Renewal & Parish Development
- The Board of Nomination

Boards that help us engage:

- The Board of Church and Society
- The Board of Lifelong Learning

Boards that look after our heritage:

- The Parsonage Board
- The Diocesan Advisory Committee on the Care of Churches

How do we pay for it?

For every £1 the Diocese receives:

- 70p comes from the Parish Share
- 25p comes from the Church in Wales Subsidy
- 2p comes from Investment Income
- 3p comes from other sources

As you can see, Parish Share is still by far and away the largest source of income for the Diocese. Hopefully this leaflet goes some way towards explaining how your generous contributions are used and how Parishes benefit from the money spent.