

Grants & support for clergy and their households

There is a wide range of support available for clergy at every stage in their ministry career. For a general overview of the variety of support that is available, please check out the resources listed below.

National general support – access directly

Clergy Support Trust (previously Sons and Friends of the Clergy): www.clergysupport.org.uk provides support to Anglican clergy (serving and retired) and ordinands, and their families, in the UK, Ireland, Diocese of Europe and Diocese of Sodor and Man. All support is provided by a small and friendly team of grants officers and is completely confidential. Please contact them with any concerns about eligibility on 020 7799 3696 or grants@clergysupport.org.uk, or use their online eligibility checker.

Foundation of Edward Storey www.edwardsorey.org.uk awards grants to those in financial need who are widows, widowers, divorced or separate spouses of clergy and clergywomen, deaconesses, or other women closely involved with the Church of England. Please contact info@edwardstorey.org.uk or call 01223 364405.

Frances Ashton's Charity www.francesashton.co.uk 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. If you or someone you know may benefit from the support of the Frances Ashton Charity, please contact the charity for advice or download an application form. Email: francesashton@hotmail.co.uk or call 07775 717606.

Pyncombe Charity assists needy serving clergy in financial difficulties due to illness or other special circumstances within the family. Applications to be made through the Diocesan Bishop. Please contact the Charity for more information. Email: joandrita@vfast.co.uk or call 01797 212028 in the first instance.

Society for the Relief of Poor Clergy www.srpc-aid.com aids evangelical ministers and their dependants in times of financial distress due to sickness, bereavement or other difficulties, the Society makes grants to evangelical clergy and evangelical accredited lay workers.

Grants are also made when needed to the widows and widowers of evangelical clergy. The Trustees have the discretionary power to consider other circumstances but only where these are giving rise to exceptional hardship. Grants are not made for educational purposes or towards normal travelling expenses.

The Trustees also administer grants from J F W Deacon's Charity for ordained and lay persons in Christian ministry who have special needs as a result of times of illness or stress, or who are facing unusual and unforeseen difficulties. For more information, please contact the Society. Email: srpc@cpas.org.uk or call 01926 334242.

The Harry & Katie Pollard Trust offers grants for the relief of infirm, sick or aged persons who are retired clergy or any adult unmarried dependents of deceased clergy. Email fr.smith@additionalcurates.co.uk.

National general support – funds distributed at the discretion of the Diocese

Church of England Clergy Stipend Trust supports the augmentation of the stipends of parsons, vicars, curates and ministers officiating in the churches and chapels of the Church of England, the relief of poverty among the clergy and the advancement of religion in accordance with the faith and doctrine of the Church of England.

Henry Smith Charity www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk provides grants to assist parochial clergy in financial need at a time of crisis or acute need, where this could be detrimental to their ministry. The need may arise from family circumstances (e.g. a family with children and only one income), unusual or emergency expenditure which strains family finances (e.g. illness, disability, expensive car repairs) or simply the need for a family holiday after a period of stress and exhaustion whether through personal issues or the challenge of ministering in difficult parishes. Grants are administered by the Bishop's Office. Please contact Jo Patchett jo.patchett@southwell.anglican.org.

Local general financial support

Charles Wright Gowthorpe Clergy Augmentation Fund – makes grants to “clergy and their widows who fulfil certain conditions and who shall appear to the Trustee (Lloyds Bank Ltd) to be deserving the financial assistance” within a ten-mile radius from St Peter's Church Nottingham. Please contact pbuktcharityadmin@lloydsbanking.com.

Notts Clergy Widows and Dependents Fund provides financial support for clergy widows and dependents. Please contact the clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Jacky Bates jacky.bates@southwell.anglican.org.

The Archdeacons and Diocesan Chief Executive have access to limited discretionary funds, including the **Perry Gift Fund**. Please contact Jo Padmore archdeacons@southwell.anglican.org.

Specific support - holidays

American Memorial Chapel travel Grants for up to £2,000 allowing a member of the clergy to take a study tour to the USA for up to four weeks www.esu.org/research-grants/.

Bishop Ingle Holiday Trust assists in the provision of holidays in the interests of social welfare for clergy, ordinands and lay workers of the Church of England and their families. Please contact wmf@farmline.com.

Eggbeer Trust offers highly discounted holidays for clergy in two Lodges in Devon www.eggbeertrust.org.uk.

English Clergy Association (ECA) provides grants for clergy towards holidays and limited discounted holiday accommodation for ECA members in France and Portsmouth (not usually available in school holidays) www.clergyassoc.co.uk/content/HolidayGrants. There is an annual charge for membership.

Specific support – sabbaticals, retreats, pilgrimages and academic study

Association for Promoting Retreats provides assistance for clergy who couldn't otherwise afford a retreat www.promotingretreats.org/finding-a-retreat/.

Capernwray offers heavily subsidised accommodation for study breaks at their hotel in Lancashire www.capernwray.org/in-residence-at-capernwray/.

Fellowship of the Maple Leaf awards travel grants for study and cross-cultural placement experiences in with the Anglican Church in Canada www.mapleleaf.org.uk.

Ministry Bursary Awards open to clergy in stipendiary ministry who have been ordained for at least 10 years and not taken a sabbatical in the previous 7 years www.ecclesiastical.com/church/ministry-bursary-awards.

Philip Usher Memorial Fund provides scholarships and travel grants to enable students to spend time in a country in which the population practices Christian religion according to the doctrine and ritual of the Eastern Orthodox Church to allow study of the outlook and mode of life of such part of the population www.philipusherfund.org.uk.

St Boniface Trust support is given for those undertaking ordination training, the cost of attending courses or who are planning a sabbatical or to take study leave www.stbonifacetrust.org.uk;

St George's Trust gives grants of up to £350 towards clergy sabbatical travel and accommodation costs involved in study www.fsje.org.uk.

St Luke's College Foundation awards grants to individuals for research and taught postgraduate qualifications in Religious Education and Theology www.stlukescf.org.uk.

The Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust (WCMET) supports the ministerial development of women in the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church through the provision of grants to female clergy, female accredited lay workers, and religious sisters in England and Scotland in need of financial support for their continuing training www.churchofengland.org/resources/diocesan-resources/ministry/womens-continuing-ministerial-education-trust.

Specific support – other

St Luke's for clergy wellbeing support individual clergy and their families to improve their psychological wellbeing and mental health www.stlukesforclergy.org.uk/clergy-families/.