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## Your Parish Share assessment for 2017

In 2016 your generosity enabled our diocese to achieve a consistently high level of parish share collection. This is splendid news and we offer a big thank you to all who are involved in achieving this rate. We understand the challenge of giving in these times but without the faithful following of our Parish Share system then we would not be able to serve all communities across the region we serve. So thank you.

Parish Share is the single biggest factor in both the DBF budget and that of many parishes. Parish Share is the lifeblood of our diocese. Parish Share is an expression of our faithful Christian giving and our response to God's great generosity in our lives, it enables us to sustain mission and ministry in every community in our diocese. If we are to follow the challenge of our Bishop to be a bigger church making a bigger difference then we must fund our ministry properly. Parish Share helps us do that.

The costs of supporting, training and developing high quality clergy and other leaders in our diocese are funded through a combination of Parish Share and funding from the National Church. In 2017 those costs will increase by 2% and the funding we receive from the National Church falls by a further 1% of Parish Share.

**This means that the overall increase in Parish Share is 3%.** Some parishes will pay more than that and some less. For those above the Minimum Parish Share attendance threshold the maximum increase will be 6.5%. Only those at Minimum Parish Share attendance levels will see a higher increase. As with last year's Parish Share assessments these changes reflect the ongoing transition from the previous Parish Share system and past data, to the current system and the new data behind it.

[You can find details of your Parish Share assessment and that of all parishes in our diocese here.](#)

From 2016 there are effectively two Parish Share systems running in our diocese. These are:-

**Option One** - a revised Parish Share system retaining attendance and socio-economic data at its core is in place in most of our diocese

**Option Two** - a pilot scheme based on the costs of Missional Leadership operating in Wigan deanery.

It is still too early to draw firm conclusion of the impact of each system, but there are some early indicators. Parish Share payment across our diocese has been relatively strong, with more parishes paying in full and on time. Parish Share payment under the newly revised system is higher than at the equivalent stage last year. In Wigan deanery, Parish Share payment is higher than it has ever been and there has been a reduction in overall arrears. We continue to monitor both systems and in due course will report back to Synod on the experience in Wigan of Option 2.

We also know that the giving challenge in all churches is significant and our resources team remain on hand to assist with some easy initiatives and strategies including the highly successful [www.givinginGrace.org](http://www.givinginGrace.org) programme and very effective [www.liverpool.anglican.org/parishgivingscheme](http://www.liverpool.anglican.org/parishgivingscheme).

For more information on Parish Share, please visit our website at [www.liverpool.anglican.org/parishshare](http://www.liverpool.anglican.org/parishshare) or contact me for further details.

Parish Share is fundamental in resourcing our work in all our communities so that we can become a Bigger Church making a Bigger Difference with more people knowing Jesus and more justice in the world. Once again I'd like to thank all of you for your generous support of Parish Share.

With best wishes,

Matt Elliott  
**Director of Finance**

[2017 Parish Share Assessments](#)

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