

# What does the Church Commissioners spend it's budget on?

[triennium-spending-plans-financial-summary.pdf](#)

[Church of England Three Year National Spending Plans 2026-2028](#)

The attached details what the next triennium spending plans are for funds generated from the Church Commissioners.

Various of these funds may be directly passed to dioceses such as:

**Lowest Income Community funding:** We use this to financially support Benefice share requests

**Diocesan Investment Programme and People and Partnerships Funding:** This is distributed to dioceses, only upon a successful application by dioceses, which will be assessed by the Strategic Ministry Investment board, managed and supported by Archbishops Council.

**Safeguarding, Giving, Buildings for Mission, Social and Racial Justice, Carbon Net Zero:** All may have elements that are shared with Dioceses, which may support DBF support staff costs or be passed directly to parishes for example for small grants for building works.

**Additional Time Limited Support:** This is a fund distributed to dioceses to support increases in stipends and to financially support dioceses who are making deficits. Our proportion of this funding is being used to create a fund that we are investing directly into our parishes and benefices.

The remainder of the funding either supports the operation of Archbishops Council, National Church Institutions, Pension Board, as well as the funding of Archbishops, Bishops and Cathedrals.

Some funds are ringfenced for specific projects by the Church Commissioners.

## What does our diocese spend it's budget on?

[Common Fund Infographic](#) – 2025 version not updated for 2026

[Video: How diocese works Bath and Wells](#)

[Diocesan Synod: November 2025 - Bath and Wells Diocese](#)

## Does any money pass between our Diocese to Archbishops Council?

New for 2026, dioceses no longer have to pay what used to be called Votes 1 to 5 or diocesan apportionment, to support various areas of Archbishops Council and NCI's work.

In 2026 however, there is no a new Ministerial Training Fund, which is financially paying for all Ordinands in training across the country, which all dioceses are asked to contribute into.

Broadly, speaking the Diocese of Bath and Wells is cost neutral from these changes and continue to contribute approximately £500k to Archbishops Council and the NCI's budgets.