



10 March 2026

Dear Colleague,

Croydon Episcopal Area - Area Mission Grants 2026

Thank you for all that you are doing to support and strengthen the mission of the Church in this diocese.

We are writing to let you know about an important change to the way mission-based project funding is administered. In previous years, Benefact Trust (previously All Churches), allocated funds to the Diocese for distribution to parishes. From 2026 onwards, this process has changed. Parishes should now apply directly to **Benefact Trust**, which offers a range of grant programmes.

Please visit [Home | Benefact Trust](#) for full details. Our Mission Team also offers grants for work with Children and Young People and for Fresh Expressions - see Further information on grants from our Mission Team can be found here - [Grants - The Diocese of Southwark](#)

Alongside this, the Diocese of Southwark has allocated a limited fund for each episcopal area to be distributed in a similar way as before. However, this fund is much smaller than in previous years. To support as many initiatives as possible, the maximum award per application is **£1,500**.

Eligibility

Applications are welcome from:

- Parishes within the Archdeaonries of Croydon and Reigate
- Team ministries, parish groups, deaneries, or ecumenical partnerships

Applications must be submitted using the attached Area Mission Grant Application Form, along with all required supporting documentation.

Funding Priorities

Projects should align with one or both of the following themes:

- Evangelism
Initiatives developing innovative approaches to evangelistic outreach, especially those exploring or sustaining Fresh Expressions of Church.
- Social Outreach
Initiatives seeking to address and reduce **social exclusion** in local communities.

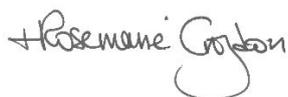
Key Dates

- **Closing date for applications: Monday 6 April 2026**
- Applications will be reviewed at the Trio meeting in April 2026
- Applicants will be notified during the week beginning at the end of April.

Important Note for Previous Applicants

If you received a grant in **2025**, your **completed project evaluation form** must be submitted (if it has not already been returned) **before** your 2026 application can be considered.

With our prayers and good wishes,



**The Rt Rev Dr Rosemarie Mallett
Bishop of Croydon**



**The Venerable Greg Prior
Archdeacon of Croydon**



**The Venerable Geoff Dumbreck
Archdeacon of Reigate**