A toolkit for Deaneries

Deanery Funding

Deaneries need an income to pay for administration (e.g. photocopying, postage, expenses) and additional financial support may be needed for those projects where Deaneries are working across parish boundaries and in the wider community holding events and providing support.

Deaneries and Deanery Synods have access to a number of sources of funding including:

- A contribution from Diocesan funds. Every Deanery/Area Dean in Southwark Diocese currently receives £500 a year from Diocesan funds¹.
- An agreed levy on all the churches in the Deanery. This can either be a fixed amount or variable according to the electoral roll or similar.
- Episcopal Area Mission Grants. Each Episcopal Area receives an amount each year to award as grants to fund mission. Deaneries can apply for such grants.
- Outside Trusts and Foundations. There are a vast number of bodies who will fund work and capital projects. However, many will only make grants to registered charities. For a Deanery to become a registered charity it must first form a Charitable Trust and any Deanery wishing to explore this must seek advice from an Archdeacon and consult the Diocesan Secretary and the Diocesan Registrar. Advice on this matter can also be found in GS Misc 984 from the General Synod.
- Fundraising events e.g. quiz nights, socials.

The Deanery Treasurer is responsible for keeping the Deanery accounts and Paragraph 20 of Section VI of the Model Rules and Constitution for Deaneries and Deanery Synods states:

“The Treasurer shall no later than 30 June each year present to the Synod for the agreement of the Synod:

a) A report on the accounts for the preceding financial year,

b) A statement showing the estimated expenditure of the Synod during the next financial year

c) Proposals for raising the income required to meet such expenditure.”

Chris Elliott, Deanery Lay Chair, Reigate Deanery
7 December 2017

¹ Currently subject to review