

Parish Share Report May 2021

Please also review the Diocesan Reports (supplied).

It cannot be ignored that 2020 was a difficult year for all and 2021 poses similar problems. To some extent, we shall have to wait out the year to see how parishes manage to address their financial strains. However, it is noteworthy that at this point:

- Positively, the Deanery as a whole is doing better than the average deanery in the diocese:
 - We have paid 38.11% of the annual share.
 - The average Deanery has paid 34.64%.

- Negatively, the deanery as a whole is behind target:
 - The target is to have paid 41.67% of the annual share.
 - Therefore, we have paid only 91.45% of our request to date.
 - If we continue to fall behind at the same rate to the end of the year, we will be short by the financial equivalent of almost one member of clergy.

- Within the Deanery:
 - Those parishes which have historically struggled to pay continue to do so:
 - Stanstead Abbots is slightly behind target (though their position is better than in previous years).
 - Ponsbourne used to pay 50% all year, then top up after a Christmas event, but this has not happened for two years. The parish is currently paying at a rate of under 50%.
 - High Cross has paid nothing so far this year.
 - Wareside and Great Amwell with St Margarets are in receipt of Pastoral Aid Grants this year (the former for the first time, the latter following a previous multi-year grant). Neither are currently in arrears, but the Deanery should maintain good communication with these parishes to ensure they supported in the most appropriate way.