

Northlew Parochial Church Council Finances

Since the 'lock-down' the PCC's income from collections during church services and from social occasions has dropped to almost nothing. The only income that remains is from those parishioners who give on a regular basis and from interest on investments. These investments are the result of legacies left to the church and held centrally by the diocese.

The result of this loss of income is that we are unlikely to be able to afford to pay our Parish Share into the Common fund.

If you are one of those people that pop money in the collection plate when you attend church and do not give money on a regular basis with the Parish Giving Scheme you might like to consider making up your collection for the weeks you would have attended in the lock-down. It would help enormously.

During 2020, the PCC is prepared for a loss of up to £4,000 in collections and donations, a further £4,000 from social events and £2,000 from fees for weddings and funerals.

It is not all bad news: all PCCs in the Northmoor team have so far had two months holiday from contributing to the team expenses during lock-down which has saved Northlew PCC £140, and the energy costs will be minimal. However, buildings insurance has to be paid. There will be serious implications for the diocese if common fund is not paid by parishes and the last thing we want is the loss of clergy for parishes because of not paying our dues to the Diocese for clergy salaries, housing and pensions.

It is difficult for everyone at this time; all our village organisations are suffering from lack of income; local food banks need help; jobs are at risk; the list is long. So far there is no indication whatsoever that churches will get any government assistance during the coronavirus epidemic.

We have thought carefully about putting out this newsletter but decided to do so; better to try and fail than not try at all. In the future no one can say, "If we had realised, we would have contributed a small sum". Small sums do add up and sometimes make a huge difference.

Anyone who would like to contribute can make out a cheque to **Northlew PCC** and send it to me or make a BACS transfer to:

Account name: Northlew PCC
Sort code: 30-98-90
Account number: 16618060

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