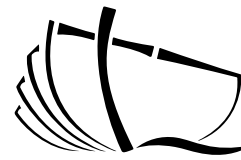


Current Share Explained



Diocese of
Liverpool

What is Share?

Share is a financial contribution from every church, parish or benefice within the Diocese into a common fund which primarily covers Stipend, National Insurance and Pension for all Parish Clergy and the three Archdeacons.

What is included?

- Stipends, Pension and National Insurance contributions for clergy
- Clergy Housing and Bishop of Warrington's House – approx. £9,900 per stipend
- Curate Training
- Training and development of clergy
- Training and development of lay ministries
- Work with schools
- Contribution to national Church

What is NOT included?

- The Bishops' Stipends
- Bishops' Staff and Offices
- Cathedral
- St James' House
- Special Projects e.g. Fit for Mission which is funded by external grants

How is it divided currently?

Each year the Diocesan Synod sets a budget agreeing the maximum number of stipends that can be paid for in the year to come. Calculations are then made to determine how much each clergy person we have in post will cost based on the items in the bullet points above. For 2026, we need £67,220 for every appointment.

In 2026 Synod budgeted for 137 stipends meaning we need to raise £9,048,247. This budget includes an assumption of 10% vacancies otherwise the bill would be higher again.

The Diocese of Liverpool receives a grant from the Church Commissioners called Lower Income Communities Fund to help fund ministry costs in less affluent parishes. In 2026 this was £2,406,884 leaving £6,641,363 to be raised.

This £6,641,363 is split across the 14 Deaneries who then determine the contribution of each church/parish/benefice within their deanery. Each deanery calculates this in a slightly different way based on local needs. The deanery informs the Diocese of the amount each parish is to pay. The 2026 split can be found here

<https://liverpoolcofe.org/making-it-easier-parishes/paying-parish-share/>