

9th March 2021

Dear Colleague

MINISTRY SHARE UPDATE

I write to inform you of matters concerning Ministry Share and what the Diocesan Board of Finance 'DBF' has determined should be asked of churches for the first quarter of 2021. This letter and attachment can also be found on the Diocesan website at <https://stdavids.churchinwales.org.uk/en/clergy-and-members/covid-19/>

I regret not having written sooner but it was necessary to wait for finalised year-end accounts and information from the Representative Body 'RB' of the Church in Wales as to what if any support would be received for 2021. The former is now complete, and the RB has agreed to provide ongoing support.

The DBF has decided that the package of RB support for Quarter One will be passed onto churches in full. Whilst the RB support has been incredibly welcome it does not cover the entire income gap left by the loss of Ministry Share. In 2020 the DBF covered this shortfall in full but now asks Churches to help cover this gap. In essence this means that each church is asked to pay at least 19% of their Quarterly Ministry Share (if your church can afford to pay more than this please do so) to allow us to continue to support God's Ministry in all parts of the Diocese.

It is anticipated that the RB will provide further support for Quarter Two, but it is highly unlikely to be anywhere near the levels of the last three quarters. I will let you know by e-mail as soon as I can.

Accompanying this letter is a spreadsheet showing the final adjusted figures from which you will see your revised figure for Quarter One 2021.

If your church has already paid the full Quarter One Share you may contact Phil Cole of the Finance Department by email at philcole@churchinwales.org.uk to request a refund or ask for the overpayment to be held to your credit against future contributions. Those of you who made payments for Quarters Two and Three of 2020 are invited to use the same contact to discuss how this might be dealt with.

To extend and improve our communication with LMAs and Treasurers, we are in the process of arranging initial Zoom meetings with them by Archdeaconries. These meetings are intended to establish a programme of regular meetings through which we can develop effective two-way communication.

To assist this would you please provide your email address to the Reverend Jeff Thomas, the Diocesan Stewardship and Support Officer, at jeffthomas@churchinwales.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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Encl. Spreadsheet