

Play your part...

Diocese of Bristol



One of the key ways in which we play a part in something bigger together is by sharing our financial resources.

In our Diocesan budget of £7.7m, of every £1 we spend:

77p Supporting ministry

16p Parishes & schools

7p Governance & national Church



In total, local churches raise about £15m a year. Add the £2.5m that the Diocese raises independently of local churches and we have over £17m to spend on mission in our area and beyond!

Of the £15m raised by local churches, you share over £5m with the rest of the Diocese through your Parish Share gifts. In total, the diocesan budget is about £7.7m.

The vast majority of the money (£6m) spent by the Diocese goes to support those in ministry: our 200 clergy, 200 Licensed Lay Ministers and 50 ministers in training in local churches and in chaplaincies.

A significant amount goes towards specialist support for parishes in their mission and church schools (£1.2m). The rest (£0.5m) funds the direct governance and administration of the Diocese and provides our contribution to the national Church of England (£0.5m) – we're part of something bigger again!



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...in something bigger

As a member of your local church, you are not only transforming your own community, you are playing a part in something bigger.

You are one of over 30,000 people in more than 200 churches across seven deaneries that make up the Diocese of Bristol.

We are a Diocese that believes the local church is the hope of the world and, together as a Diocese, we are a local church movement.

In Swindon, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Bristol, our local churches are expressing the love of Christ. Whether in the suburbs, urban priority areas, rural villages or town and city centres, the local church is there.

The local church is all about people like you showing Christ's love to others, about being "salt and light" amongst your families, friends and neighbours, in your workplaces and schools.

The Diocese of Bristol exists to support you and your church as you play a part in this local church movement.

We are equipping and resourcing church leaders, be they clergy, lay ministers, church officers, PCCs or the ministers of the future.

We are encouraging deaneries to be places where local churches can work together.

We are supporting chaplains across the sectors and over 60 church schools in their distinctive Christian identity.

We can only do this because, as local churches, you choose to play your part in the Diocese. With almost one million people living in our Diocese, the challenge is great. But with God's help and by generously working and sharing together, extraordinary things can happen.

Thank you for playing your part in something bigger.



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Your church is part of the Diocese of Bristol.
Together, we are part of a local church movement that is bringing the Good News about Jesus Christ to all of our communities.

2,000 baptisms per year
2,000 funerals per year
1,500 people married in church

Over 30,000 church attendees

6,000 children 
25,000 adults 



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