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GRANTS FOR CLERGY AND THEIR FAMILIES

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This list of charities is an attempt to summarise some of the principle sources of grants and funds for clergy and their families. National charities listed here can also be helpful, and may be worth contacting for specific assistance.

Bursaries, Sabbaticals, Education and Training

Clergy CME allocation—is available for all active clergy.

Email ministry@manchester.anglican.org

Bishop Lee Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge

This scholarship of about £116 per annum, tenable for three years, is open to the sons and daughters of clergymen who have officiated in the Dioceses of Manchester and Blackburn for a period of five years.

Intending candidates should apply to the Diocesan Registrar, Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2QH for information.

Ecclesiastical Ministry Bursary Awards

<http://www.ecclesiastical.com/> - search for "Bursary Awards"

The Ecclesiastical Ministry Bursary Awards have helped hundreds of ministers to finance their extended study leave. In fact since being established in 1987, Ecclesiastical's centenary year, nearly 1,000 members of the clergy have now received awards for a wide range of extended leave projects and plans.

Entry Criteria

Entries for an award must fulfil the following criteria:

- Awards are open to individual clergy in the Anglican Church in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.
- All clergy applying for the awards must be in full-time stipendiary ministry in the Anglican Church and must have been ordained for at least 10 years.
- Applications are also open to church dignitaries – Archdeacons, Bishops and Deans.
- Awards are provided for extended study leave only and not for long term courses such as PhD or university fees (although fees for a course during an extended study leave will be considered).

Entries must be made using the forms provided.

Judging Criteria

- Judging of the 2016 entries will take place during November 2015 and awards will be made in December 2015. The amount of the individual awards will be judged on the following criteria:
- Value to the individual applicant
- Benefit to the wider church
- Financial support already committed from other sources
- The strength of the endorsement from a Bishop or Archdeacon supporting your plans

European Bursary Trust

Contact the Revd Ian Holdcroft, the Vicarage, 780 Whitchurch Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0EU
Grants for travel to study a church and country within Europe. Apply before 31 December for the following year.

Fellowship of the Maple Leaf

<http://www.mapleleaf.org.uk/>

The Fellowship of the Maple Leaf (FML) exists to promote links between the Church in Canada and the United Kingdom by furthering mutual learning in our engagement with each others' cultures.

To achieve this, grants of two kinds are awarded:

Individual bursaries to clergy, ordinands and lay people for study and cross-cultural experiences for Canadians visiting the UK and for people from the UK visiting Canada. These may be for extended placements lasting three months or more, or for short term placements lasting less than three months.

Grants for projects. For example:

- Projects for the development of ministry.
- Projects in the fields of Christian education and training, social responsibility, cross-cultural communication, and pastoral work.
- Projects related to the indigenous people of the 'First Nations' in 'Assisted Dioceses' in Canada.
- The Trustees meet twice a year in March and September, to transact the business of FML and approve grant allocations. Applications for grants may be made at any time; arrangements are in place for allocating grants in the periods between Trustees' meetings where this is appropriate.

Gladstone St Deiniol's Library

<https://www.gladstoneslibrary.org/accommodation/scholarships-bursaries>

Discounts to clergy and students as well as sabbatical rates and a limited number of scholarships and bursaries for those who wish to research, read or write at St Deiniol's.

Philip Usher Memorial Fund

<http://www.philipusherfund.org.uk/apply.html>

Scholarships and travel grants for study abroad of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The amount of the scholarship will depend on the country which the scholar visits and the duration of his/her stay. Applicants must be either ordained ministers, or accepted candidates for ordination.

Priority will be given to applicants who are under 36 years old.

The holder of the scholarship will be required to spend between six and eighteen months abroad in the study of the faith and practice of an Orthodox Church.

It is a requirement of holding the scholarship that a written examination (with some theological reflection) of the time spent in the study of the Orthodox Church is submitted within six months of return.

In addition to the Scholarship the Committee is able to award smaller grants for shorter periods of Orthodox study, if there are applications of sufficient merit, and resources are available.

Provost Howard Fund

Write: The Precentor, Coventry Cathedral, 1 Hill Top, Coventry CV1 5AB

This fund gives awards for theological study for understanding and promoting ecumenism and for practical projects on reconciliation and international understanding. Applicants must demonstrate the substantial involvement of other churches. The deadline for applications is June.

Society for the Relief of Poor Clergy

<https://www.cpas.org.uk/advice-and-support/other-advice-and-support>

CPAS Grants for Ministers in Training Ministers in Training (MIT) fund Grants for ordinands, to provide financial assistance during training. Download an information sheet, application form and budget form. Please be sure to read the information sheet, which includes conditions for receiving a grant, before completing an application form. Applications are considered three times a year, and should be submitted by the end of September, January or, (for students who are not in their final year), April.

The Richards Trust

<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/grants>

The Richards trust is a fund administered by SPCK, with the purpose of assisting ordinands in financial need. It is a contingency fund to help ordinands who fall into financial difficulty during the course of their training.

St Aidan's College Charity

Grants toward living expenses, books, placement expenses and unforeseen circumstances. c/o Board of Finance. Church House, 5500 Daresbury Park, Daresbury, Warrington WA4 4GE. Telephone: 01928 718834

St Boniface Trust

<http://www.stbonifacetrust.org.uk/>

The Trust is a small charity established to advance the Christian Religion in accordance with the principles of the Anglican faith in all parts of the world, especially for the provision of education and training of clergy and lay people by the award of scholarships and maintenance allowance or any purpose concerning their spiritual or temporal welfare.

The Trust is governed by St Boniface Council and its trustees meet 4 times a year.

St George's Trust

<https://fsje.org.uk/the-st-georges-trust/>

The Trust gives grants to Anglican clergy, seminarians and students. The awards are currently worth up to £350. Each year the Trustees set a budget for the total amount that can be awarded and distribution is made until the limit is reached. Applications early in the calendar year are therefore encouraged.

St Luke's College Foundation

<http://www.st-lukes-foundation.org.uk/>

Grants are awarded to individuals for research and taught postgraduate qualifications in these fields; and to eligible organisations for related initiatives and facilities.

The Foundation does not finance buildings, or provide bursaries for institutions to administer; and it is precluded from the direct support of schools (although it does support teachers who are taking eligible studies).

The "Awards" area of this website contains details about the various awards that the Foundation makes and it also explains how to make an application.

Please note that applications can only be made between January and 1st May each year. Grants are made for the following academic year.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

<http://www.wcmt.org.uk/>

Would experience overseas enhance your effectiveness in your career or field of interest? Could this bring real benefits and positive change to your community, the UK and yourself? If the answer is 'yes', check your eligibility, look at examples of previous projects, and register to receive an email alert when applications re-open. Grants cover return and internal travel, daily living and insurance.

Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/diocesan-resources/ministry/wcmet>

The object of the WCMET is to further the Continuing Ministerial Education of women in the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church by means of grants to ordained women, female Accredited

Lay Workers (including Church Army sisters) religious sisters (Lay or Ordained) who, in the opinion of the Trustee, are in need of financial assistance.

Individuals should apply by filling in an application form. The application should be endorsed by the Diocesan CMD Officer or Dean of Women's Ministry. Please refer to the letter to endorsing officers and notes of guidance for further information.

It is also important to note that all successful applicants should complete and return the WCMET completion form at the end of each project (or academic year) for which funding has been received.

Applications are considered quarterly in February, May, July and October. The deadline for applications to be considered is the 20th of the preceding month (i.e. the 20th January, 20th April etc). You will be notified about the result of your application by the end of the following month (i.e. 28th February, 31st May etc).

Children of Clergy

The Buttle Trust

<http://www.buttleuk.org/pages/grant-programmes.html>

- Small grants—for an item or service which is critical to the well being of a child.
- School fees grants—to help meet the costs of schooling for children with acute needs that cannot in practice be met the state
- Grants for students and trainees—this scheme is currently under review.

Lawrence Atwell's Charity

<https://www.skinners.org.uk/grants-and-trusts/atwell/>

The Charity assists young people who come from a low-income background to become qualified or equipped to work in their chosen vocational career.

Society for the Relief of Poor Clergymen

<https://www.cpas.org.uk/advice-and-support/other-advice-and-support>

The SRPC also offers grants for children of evangelical clergy who need help with fees for going on Christian holidays. Priority will be given to applications from clergy who are attending holidays in leadership positions. The fund is limited and grants are considered having regard to individual financial and family circumstances.

Working Families Tax Credit

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/tax-credits>

A clergy family with two children and a small second income may fall within the threshold.

Clergy Spouses/Retired Clergy

Broken Rites

<http://www.brokenrites.org/support-links.html>

Broken Rites is a national, independent association of divorced and separated wives of Anglican Clergy, ministers and Church Army Officers. It is a source of support and Practical help to spouses of clergy who are separated or divorced.

Church of England Pensions Board

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/church-england-pensions-board>

Pension fund set up to assist retired clergy - the fund also offers grants and loans in times of financial need.

The Diocesan Committee for Retired Clergy, Widowers and Widows

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/ministerial-support/retired/>

The committee oversees the administration of the following funds:

- **Clergy Widows and Dependents Fund** (to assist clergy widows and dependents resident in the diocese)
- **Miss I L Bothamley Bequest** (to assist widows whose husbands served in the diocese)
- **Thelma Turner Bequest**
- **Bishop K V Ramsey Fund** (to assist retired clergy and widows)

Crosse's Charity

Clerk to the Trustees: Mr C P Kitto, 20 Saint John Street, Lichfield, Staffs. WS13 6PD – 01543 262491.

Provides small annuities for widows of clergymen of the Church of England. Preference given to those, who from age, ill-health, accident or infirmity are unable to maintain themselves by their own exertions.

Dioceses of Chester, Manchester, Liverpool and Blackburn

A fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of clergymen who have officiated in the Archdeaconries of Chester, Macclesfield, Rochdale, Bolton, Blackburn, Liverpool or Warrington. Contact the Hon Secretary, Revd M S Finlay, The Rectory, Warrington WA1 2TL

Dr George Richards' Charity

Dr. Paul Simmons, Flat 96 Thomas More House, Barbican, London. EC2Y 8BU

Financial assistance for Anglican clergy retired early through ill health; also widowers and dependent children. A 2-sided A4 application form needs to be completed. Trustees meet in June and November.

Family Action

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/>

Support for some of the poorest families in the country. Provides grants as well as social work support to people of all ages, working with them to help them solve their own problems. This charity is not specifically church related

Foundation of Edward Storey

<http://edwardstorey.org.uk/grants>

The Foundation is able to offer a certain number of grants and loans each year. These can be awarded to financially unsupported women (eg single, separated, divorced, widowed) who are:

- widows or ex-wives of Church of England clergy, retired clergywomen, missionaries, or
- other women with a close professional connection with the Church of England.

The amount of any award will depend on the type of help required, and all decisions are at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

Occasionally we also award 'annual grants', or regular support payments, to older women, normally over 60. These are reviewed annually. Any applicant for a grant or a loan will automatically be considered for an 'annual grant'.

Please contact the Foundation if you would like an application form to apply for a grant.

Independent Age

<http://www.independentage.org/>

Offer help and advice to older people. Such as advice on getting help at home, moving into a care assessments, paying for care, being discharged from hospital, money, benefits & so much more...

Newton's Trust

[Email newtonsliefield@gmail.com](mailto:email_newtonsliefield@gmail.com)

Newton's Trust is established to provide financial assistance to the widows, widowers, separated or divorced spouses and unmarried children of deceased clergy of the Church of England, the Church in Wales and the Scottish Episcopal Church. You should use the contact email above for further information.

Debt Assistance

Christians against Poverty

<https://capuk.org/>

Christians Against Poverty is a national debt counselling charity, with a network of 36 local centres offering debt counselling, practical services and financial education.

Turn 2 us

Turn2us is a national charity that helps people in financial hardship to gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and support services. The website has a search engine to look for grants and assistance.

General Assistance with Hardship

Charity of Miss Ann Farrar Brideoake

This Charity is for communicant members of the Church of England resident in the Dioceses of York, Liverpool and Manchester who have some degree of poverty, hardship or distress.

The Trust may be able to help you if you are a pensioner struggling to meet winter fuel bills or a handicapped person who needs a special piece of equipment or a family in need of help for education or even a holiday. Parishioners, clergy and retired clergy may apply.

Application forms can be obtained from Mr Ware, 8 Blake Street, York YO1 8XJ, Tel: 01904 625678.

Elizabeth Finn Trust

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/About-Us/Turn2us-Grants/Turn2us-Elizabeth-Finn-Fund>

The Elizabeth Finn Trust relieves need and distress among British and Irish people, and members of their immediate family, from a wide range of occupations and backgrounds. No account is taken of religious denomination, political opinion, age or place of residence. Need and distress may encompass difficulties associated with old age, infirmity, disability, social isolation or financial need.

People helped fall into two groups: those who live at home and have capital worth no more than £16,000, excluding the value of their property, and those who need help with fees for a residential or nursing care home and have capital worth no more than £12,250.

Frances Ashton's Charity

www.francesashton.co.uk

The Frances Ashton Charity offers help for serving and retired members of the Clergy of the Church of England and widow(er)s of clergy now deceased.

The Charity will consider a modest grant for almost any purpose causing financial hardship. For example they could help with

- the cost of a new pair of glasses
- a respite care break for a disabled family dependent
- the cost of a family holiday
- the cost of repairing a broken boiler

Particular priorities for support include unforeseeable emergencies, medical or care needs for the applicant or their dependents. In some cases the charity may be able to help at any point during the year. There are a few exceptions such as private education where the Charity is unable to help.

Fraser and Howarth Trust Funds

These two trust funds are administered from the Diocesan Office. Many of the grants are made to assist clergy of the Church of England serving in the diocese with the school fees and expenses of their children, but are not restricted solely to these items. Applications for grants are considered in April/May and October/November each year. The total income of the clergy family is taken into account when determining the size of the grant.

Any clergy in particular financial difficulties should contact the Diocesan Secretary, Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH for details of these trusts.

Clergy Support Trust

<https://www.clergysupport.org.uk/>

For serving and retired clergy, also helps clergy spouse and families facing poverty or hardship — Can help with: Bereavement expenses, cars for the disabled, child maintenance, clothing, counselling, debts, education, financial management courses, heating expenses, holidays, house repairs and decoration, medical expenses, nursing home fees, ordinands, removals and resettlement, retirement housing, sabbaticals.

Henry Smith's Charity

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/christian-projects/christian-projects-overview>

The Trustees aim to fund a broad range of both established and innovative work, and are especially interested in work and projects that promote Christianity within the following priorities:

- meeting the spiritual needs of older people, including those with dementia,
- meeting the spiritual needs of those with a learning disability and those who have cognitive impairment,
- reaching out to the unchurched, especially young people and young families by nurturing their spiritual interest and wellbeing,
- projects that support and care for Anglican clergy at times of acute need.

Queen Victoria Clergy Fund

Assisting (through the diocese) Church of England clergy in financial need. Contact your Archdeacon or Bishop for further information.

Society for the Relief of Poor Clergy

<http://www.srpc-aid.com/>

The society makes grants to evangelical clergy and evangelical Accredited Lay Workers in the following categories of need:

- bereavement
- illness
- removals

- family support to enable young people to participate in a 'ministry experience' during a gap year before university
- family support to enable children/young people of evangelical ministers to attend Christian camps, for their spiritual benefit and to develop leadership potential

other special needs (at the Trustees' discretion)

Grants are also made when needed to the widows and widowers of evangelical clergy.

Smallwood Trust

<https://www.smallwoodtrust.org.uk/grants>

Time-limited financial assistance and support for women on low income who are struggling to make ends meet or trying to overcome financial problems.

Health

Pyncombe Charity

Income of about £10,000 applied to assist needy serving clergymen in financial difficulties due to illness or other special circumstances within the family. Applications to be made through the diocesan bishop.

Revd Dr George Richards' Charity

Applications for grants are considered from clergy of the Church of England who are in need of assistance through sickness or infirmity and have become incapable of performing their clerical duties, thereby forcing them to take early retirement. Widows, widowers and other dependants of such clergy can also seek assistance.

Contact Dr P D Simmons, 98 Thomas More House, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BU or telephone 020 7588 5583. An application form needs to be completed and the Trustees meet in June and November.

St Luke's Healthcare for the Clergy

www.stlukeshealthcare.org.uk/Home.aspx

St Luke's offers clergy and their families access to medical expertise through our network of over 50 eminent clinicians.

St Luke's is able to help hundreds of clergy and their families every year by capping the funding they offer per beneficiary.

Holidays

Eggbeer Trust

<http://eggbeertrust.org.uk/Default.aspx>

Free holidays for Christian Workers

One of the objectives of the Eggbeer Trust is to provide free holidays for ministers of religion and missionaries of any Christian creed or denomination and their families. For this purpose they offer two lodges on the edge of Dartmoor. They are available all year round

English Clergy Association

<https://www.clergyassoc.co.uk/content/HolidayGrants.htm>

Holiday Grants are made, in many cases of a sufficient size to make a significantly helpful contribution to clergy (and their family's) enjoyment of human life.

Mothers' Union

<https://www.mothersunion.org/projects/away-it-all>

Away From It All (AFIA) is a Mothers' Union holiday scheme, primarily funded by our members, to give the opportunity of a break to those who are experiencing stress in their family life.

Tranquillity House

The Grant Secretary: Mrs Ridgeway, Tranquillity House Trustees, 9 Merrivale View Road, Dousland, Yelverton, Devon PL20 6NS.

The Tranquillity House Trust is a grant-making charity whose particular function is to assist towards the cost of holidays for clergy, and in the making of awards it is required to have particular regard to those clergy who are for any reason in need. Nominations are made by the Bishop.

Vocational Grants

Additional Curates Society

Giving grants to parishes to help pay costs of curates and encouraging vocations.

An application form is available on the website

<http://www.additionalcurates.co.uk/grantapplication.php>

Placement grant grants are also available:

<http://www.additionalcurates.co.uk/grantplacements.php>

Board of Mission Trust Fund

Grants from £100 to £400, for projects which benefit the whole church; committee meets in November to decide on awards for coming year.

c/o Mr Edward Peacock, Mission Grants Administrator, 24 Ferndale, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 3NS Tel 01892 543206 email: peacockedward@hotmail.com

Cleaver Ordination Candidates' Fund

<http://www.cleaver.org.uk/>

The Cleaver Ordination Candidates Fund exists for the support and encouragement of Anglican ordinands committed to an orthodox understanding of the catholic priesthood and to urge the importance of continuing sound theological learning amongst the clergy.

The Fund offers:

- Grants to support candidates exploring a vocation to the priesthood, and undertaking a parish placement as part of this process;
- Book grants for ordinands in each year of formal pre-ordination training;
- Financial support, where appropriate, towards ordinands' academic fees;
- A small budget towards funding studies for already ordained clergy.

