



159 Parish Clergy

109 Stipendiary Clergy (82 incumbent level, 19 stipendiary curates, 8 supported by their local parish). 47 Self-Supporting Clergy. 3 House for Duty Clergy.

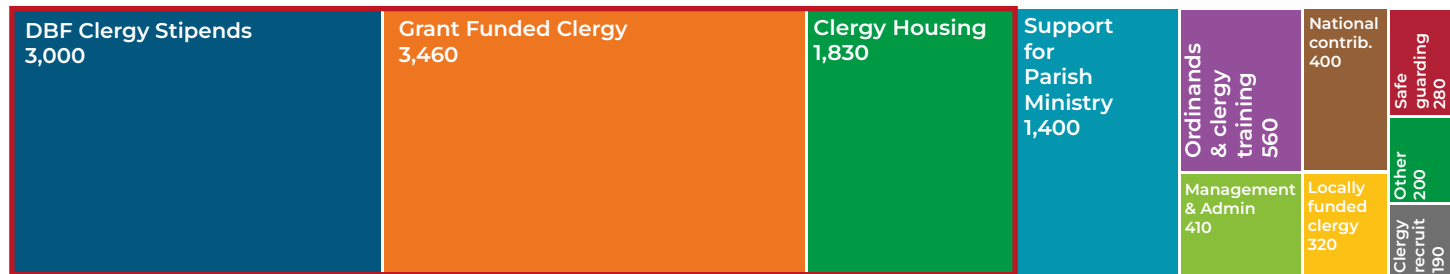


Our finances from 2024 audited accounts

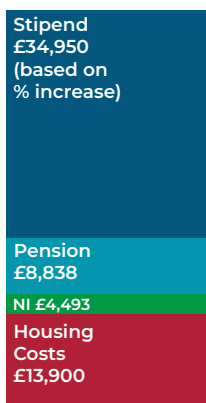
Income - income to the DBF was £10.073 million



Expenditure - total expenditure of the DBF was £11.653 million

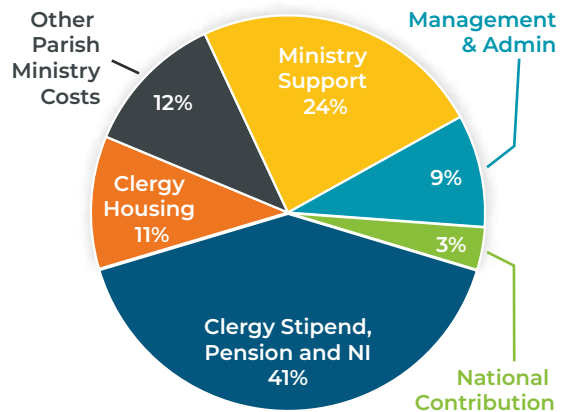


red box indicates cost of parish clergy



2026 General Fund Budget

Common Fund is the vital financial gift from congregations across the Diocese of Sheffield, forming the main regular income that supports mission and ministry. It has traditionally provided over 50% of diocesan income, and we remain committed to growing it. **The 2026 budget is in early draft. The average cost of a stipendiary minister in this model is £62,181, based on the new National Stipend Benchmark, which is still under consideration through our budget planning process.** Some short-term, tapering financial support will help with this but ultimately it increases our operating costs. Ministry support costs add a further £19,000 per parish.



Funding support from the national church

In addition to the running costs, we have received additional support to help us realise the vision and achieve sustainability.

Additional Curates

We receive support for over half of our curates until 2027 at least.

Posts of First Responsibility

Part funding for 3 posts tapered over five years.

Resourcing Churches

Phase 1 of this SDF funding will end in June 2025 and we will receive the remaining SDF balance of £154k in 2025. This will fund 4 clergy in two churches and 10 colleagues who help to deliver the mission and ministry to the community.

Revitalisation Project

We will receive around £931k in this SDF stream in 2026. This will fund 5 teams, more lay worker and Small Sparks grants across the diocese as well as staff and accommodation for the Young Leader Development Ministry Experience Scheme.

Transformation Project

In 2026, we will receive around £1.256m to continue our Transformation journey. This will fund 5 stipendiary Oversight Ministers, 6 Associate Archdeacons, coaching and other training for clergy and lay leaders, several centrally employed, locally deployed Mission Area Support roles to directly support parishes with buildings, finance, Focal Ministry and discipleship.

Triennium Funding

We have been awarded £17.5 million in the first tranche of triennium funding from the Church of England to support mission and ministry in the Diocese from 2026-28. This investment will expand youth outreach, strengthen clergy and lay ministry, support church planting, and develop community initiatives. As part of this, we're committed to meeting this generosity with generosity building a financially sustainable future by growing our Common Fund.