

# commonfund 2026

An overview of our finances, community reach, and the national support enabling mission and ministry across our diocese.



**17,800**

LAY WORSHIPPERS  
IN OUR COMMUNITY



**168**

PARISHES GROUPED  
INTO 56 MISSION AREAS



**1.3<sup>m</sup>**

PEOPLE SERVED ACROSS  
DONCASTER, GOOLE,  
ROTHERHAM & SHEFFIELD



**154**

PARISH CLERGY  
ACROSS THE DIOCESE

**110**

**STIPENDIARY CLERGY**

80 incumbent level • 24 stipendiary curates  
• 6 supported by their local parish

**42**

**SELF-SUPPORTING CLERGY**

Ministers giving their vocation voluntarily  
alongside other personal commitments

**2**

**HOUSE FOR DUTY CLERGY**

Clergy providing ministry in exchange for  
accommodation, in lieu of stipend

# 2025 Audited Accounts

All figures in £,000s. Regular income to the DBF was £12.109 million against total expenditure of £12.842 million.

## INCOME

# £12.109m

Grant Funded Projects	£3,560k
Common Fund	£3,450k
LINC & Transition Funding	£2,750k
Other Income / Donations	£660k
Investment Income	£630k
Locally Funded Clergy / Lay Workers	£450k
Rental Income	£330k
Statutory Fees	£270k

## EXPENDITURE

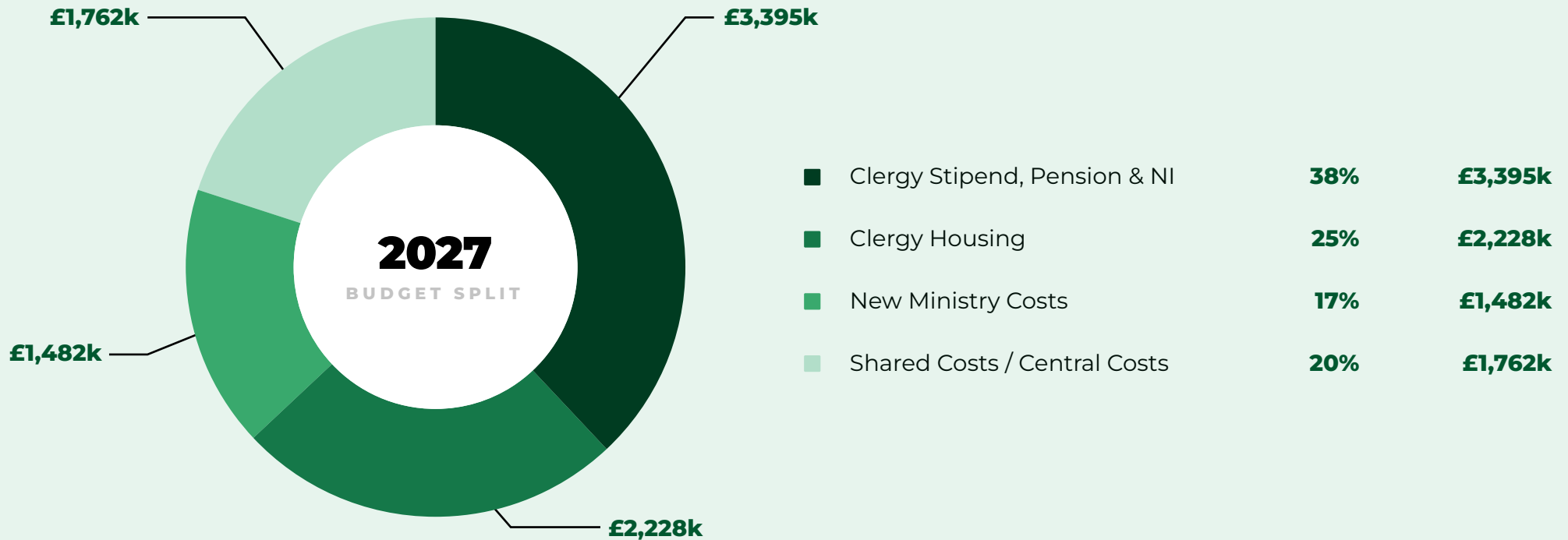
# £12.842m

Grant Funded Clergy & Mission	£4,630k
DBF Funded Clergy Stipends	£3,110k
Clergy Housing	£1,890k
Support for Parish Ministry	£1,090k
Management, Admin & Governance	£720k
Ordinands & Clergy Training	£510k
Safeguarding	£310k
Grants Payable	£270k
Clergy Recruitment	£200k
Other	£110k



A shortfall of **£750k** between income and expenditure is funded from reserves.




# 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 average cost of a stipendiary minister for 2027 is **£61,319** (including Housing) and **£84,495** (including a share of New Ministry Support and Central costs).

# Average Cost of a Stipendiary Minister

The below figures are based on the 2026 National Stipend Benchmark.

 STIPEND	 PENSION	 NATIONAL INSURANCE	 HOUSING COSTS
<b>£35,730</b>	<b>£7,150</b>	<b>£4,600</b>	<b>£13,839</b>
<b>Annual direct costs per stipendiary minister</b>			<b>£61,319</b>
<b>New ministry and shared costs</b> New ministry - DBF costs of ordinands and curates Shared costs - e.g Safeguarding, Archdeacons, DAC and other central costs			<b>£23,176</b>
<b>Total cost of Stipendiary Ministry</b>			<b>£84,495</b>

# Funding from the National Church

National church are one of our main partners in mission, and we work with the national **Vision & Strategy team** to secure funding that helps us deliver our strategy.

This funding buys us time for our plans to take effect, helping us reach the point of sustainability in terms of both **people and finance**.

It supports numerous posts in parishes - both clergy and lay roles - as well as time-limited central support roles, giving additional support to parishes through a time of change.

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