

Spending your money wisely

An important part of *Living Our Faith* is to ensure the campaign is both accountable and transparent and delivers on its objectives and commitments to the Diocese of Portsmouth. To ensure this, an Impact Committee made up of clergy and lay people has been created to ensure the money that you have all so generously donated is spent wisely and as effectively as possible and within the boundaries and scope of the campaign. The committee takes its responsibilities very seriously and carefully scrutinises every application for funding and all expenditure. The committee comprises:

Canon David Hopgood - Chair of Committee.
Priest, Cathedral of St John the Evangelist.
Diocesan Trustee

Michael Dawson - Parishioner, Andover
Quentin Elston - Chief Executive of an Anglican
Grant Making Charity and Charity Governance
Consultant

Rev Tom Grufferty - Priest, St Joseph's Havant

Roisin Gwyer - Parishioner, Cathedral

Peter Hancock - Parishioner, Bracknell.

Diocesan Trustee

Deacon Stephen Morgan - Secretary to the
Diocesan Trustees

Liz Slinn - Parishioner at Hampshire Downs.
Diocesan Trustee



*Roisin Gwyer - a member of the
Living Our Faith Impact
Committee.*

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*'The Impact Committee
exists to ensure that the
funds generously given
have an impact on the
life of the Diocese - they
will make sure this
happens and report back
regularly on the results'*

Canon David Hopgood

Living Our Faith

The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth



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Donor Update

A big thank you

Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting the *Living Our Faith campaign*. Through your personal efforts and sacrifice you have helped to enable the Church in the Diocese of Portsmouth to continue to serve its people by:

1. Investing in the clergy and encouraging vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, by ensuring resources for the development of formation and support of our clergy;
2. Assisting the formation and education in the faith of lay people and encouraging volunteers and evangelization in our local parishes and pastoral areas;
3. Renewing parish facilities, providing loans and grants and
4. Providing for specific parish needs.

Already 6261 families have made sacrificial gifts to the campaign at an average gift of £2,166 (rounded down).

INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES

Total Number of Pledges	6261
Total Amount Pledged	£13,566,539
The largest donation	£100,000
Total amount received to date	£4,177,281
Parish share	£2,213,959
Diocese share	£1,963,322
Total amount spent so far	
- Parish Local Funds Amount Spent =	£716,815
- Parish and Lay Formation Fund Spent =	£438,502
- Renewing Facilities Fund Spent =	£40,000
79 members of the clergy have pledged	£270,027

Your support has enabled so many exciting projects and plans to be put in place that are in full alignment with the pastoral plan *Go Out and Bear Fruit* and in strict accordance with the stated aims of the campaign.

Leave a Gift in Your Will

Several of the donations to *Living Our Faith* have been legacies. When it comes to your will, it's only right that your family and friends come first in your thoughts, but that doesn't mean you can't also leave a gift to a cause close to your heart. A gift in your will can make a vital difference to the Church in the Diocese of Portsmouth. If you would like further information on leaving money to the campaign in your will, please contact:



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So many exciting new projects

To date 35 projects have been approved or are awaiting approval totalling £1,136,988. The projects include the recruitment of youth workers and pastoral assistants, the provision of funding for buildings and maintenance projects and communications and education projects, and projects which involve acts of kindness and benevolence. The following are a sample of the projects approved to date.

Local Parish Fund Allocations.

1. Stockbridge. Repairs to the stream bank £20,932
2. Refurbishment of St Andrews church. North Baddesley £40,000
3. New toilets installed St Johns Cathedral £18,781
4. Replacement of existing Roof Leigh Park £12,000 with provision for a further £18,000
5. Havant parish helping neighbouring parishes Waterloo and Leigh Park £15,000

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St Joseph's church hall, Christchurch.
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More exciting projects

6. Refurbishment of the Presbytery in Twyford £21,500
7. North Hinksey parish providing funds to a) Chiphaso Parish, Malawi b) Porch Steppin Stone for Homeless people c) St Barnabas Soc donation £14,000
8. Southampton Immaculate Conception - Church redecoration and church grounds improvement £2,500
9. Andover a) Donation to Bishop Challoner school
b) Redecoration of church exterior St John Fisher c) an exterior mosaic at St John Baptist church £5,615
10. St Swithun Wells - a) New telephone system £4,900
b) Upgrade sound system in Holy Cross Eastleigh £11,140
c) Pastoral youth work for one year £6,000
11. Restoration of bell tower at St Saviours Totland £4,975
12. Horndean - Re-design of toilets and provisioning of disabled facilities £8,430
13. Southampton St Joseph and St Edmund - Funding for a youth worker for one year £6,000
14. Christchurch St Josephs New Hall Project £26,745
15. St Swithun Wells - Communications improvements. Commemorative booklet and web site £10,430
16. Basingstoke Holy Ghost - 'Pass it on Day' £900
17. Fareham Roof repairs to Phillip Howard church £103,567
18. Renovation of Sacristy, St Anne's Brockenhurst £4,300
19. Guernsey refurbishment of Notre Dame Junior School (£70,000); St Joseph's Church windows and car park (£68,314); Our Lady of the Sea parish rooms and car park (£47,832) and new lighting and additional radiators for Notre Dame du Rosaire church (£20,000)
20. Portsmouth St Coleman - Porch stained glass window £23,292

Diocesan Lay Formation Fund Allocations:

1. Funding for education and conferences
2. Stewardship Co-ordinator for Jersey
3. Co-ordinator and advisor for Catechesis and Formation for St Swithun Wells
4. Young Catholics Youth Event in Southampton
5. Pastoral Youth Worker - Portsmouth
6. World Youth Day - Madrid, Spain
7. Youth Worker - Bournemouth
8. Youth Worker - Reading
9. Pastoral Assistant - Southampton Central and West

Havant are friendly neighbours



Father Tom Grufferty parish priest of Havant Parish photographed presenting a cheque for £7,500 to to Fr Jozef Gruskiewicz (St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park).

A grant of £40,000 from the renewing facilities fund was given to the Sacred Heart Ringwood to help towards waterproofing the church.