

# ***Message from Andrew Corsie, Assistant Archdeacon of Northolt and Kevin Ogilvie, Finance Adviser***

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**To: Willesden Area Incumbents, PCC Treasurers and \*Churchwardens**

cc: Area Council and Area Finance Group Members

Dear Colleagues

## **COMMON FUND 2012**

Once again we would like to say an enormous 'thank you' to the parishes in the Willesden Area for their continued support of the Common Fund process.

The current financial climate continues to present real challenges both at parish and diocesan level, as well as for the individual members of our congregations. However, as followers of Christ we have an important message of good news and hope to an anxious world and it has once again been very encouraging to see the evidence of churches willingly focusing on the theology that under girths the principles of the Common Fund enterprise and making generous offers in response to all that God has given us.

Many Willesden parishes give to the Common Fund a figure equivalent to their direct clergy costs (£44,849 for a parish with one vicar and one house in 2012) and others continue to make significant percentage increases each year towards it. This is very encouraging. Other parishes are striving to give in accordance with the full parish costs (£67,889 for 2012) whilst there are still others who give over and above the figure of their own full costs. We continue to encourage this generosity wherever it is possible as it enables mission and ministry to be funded throughout the Area and across the Diocese.

With this letter you will find the parish Common Fund (CF) offers for 2012. CF figures and information were disseminated at the two Common Fund meetings held in May and we asked for initial offers from parishes by mid July. All CF offers have now been looked at by Deanery Finance Groups and, where parishes are shown in italics, further negotiations or information have been requested for one reason or another. All discussion and negotiation must be completed by the end of September in order that the diocesan budget can be finalised.

The pledge sheets show a column for school levy calculated at 1% of a parish's CF figure. Please note that this is a voluntary contribution paid separately via the Willesden Area Office. We receive letters from many schools thanking the parishes for the gift they receive as a result of school levy which greatly helps the work of our Willesden church schools.

May we take this opportunity to thank you once again for engaging with the task to fund mission and ministry in our Diocese. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information..

Yours sincerely

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