



Dear Toby,

Common Fund contribution 2015 | St Matthew, Westminster

Thank you for making time to attend one of the Charing Cross Common Fund meetings this month. We hope that the information provided in the presentation and the pack will be helpful and will assist your PCC in its discussions about your Common Fund contribution for next year. All the material is also available on the diocesan website at <http://www.london.anglican.org/support/finance/common-fund/>

The deanery as a whole currently covers 91% of costs with contributions reflecting the wide range of churches here. We are very grateful for the generosity of all parishes in the deanery and appreciate that for most parishes the challenge of meeting Common Fund contributions as well as general parish costs is a demanding one. As a deanery we are aiming to get to the point, in the next few years, when we are at least covering our own costs. It would be wonderful if our deanery could be a net contributor to the diocese and so support the mission of the Church in areas which face greater financial pressure than we do in Westminster.

The Common Fund contribution we are suggesting for your PCC for next year is £40,000. This may be a challenging figure, but we hope it is fair and realistic. As stressed at the Common Fund meeting the figure proposed is a suggestion – if you are not able to contribute this amount next year please let us know what your offer for next year is and the rationale behind the figure. Of course if you are able to contribute a higher figure that will be most welcome.

We would ask you to present the suggested target figure to your PCC and then having discussed the matter make a considered response to Mary Spredbury by the end of July, or at the very latest by the end of September. This is in order that the diocese can set its final budget for 2015. If you have any concerns or questions then please direct them to Mary.

Yours sincerely,

The Revd Philip Chester
Area Dean

David Richards
Deanery Lay Chair

Mary Spredbury
Archdeaconry Finance Adviser