

# Charities - Clergy Support

## Sons and Friends of the Clergy

[www.clergysupport.org.uk/grants-information](http://www.clergysupport.org.uk/grants-information)

### Who can apply for a grant?

The charity supports the following beneficiary groups:

- Serving\* and retired Anglican clergy and their dependants.
- Divorced and separated spouses and civil partners of eligible clergy.
- Widows, widowers and surviving civil partners of eligible clergy.
- Anglican ordinands training for ministry in the UK or Ireland.
- 'Serving' means beneficed or licensed clergy (whether stipendiary or self-supporting), or those with Permission to Officiate (PTO).

The relevant clergy must be working in or have worked in:

- The United Kingdom.
- The Republic of Ireland.
- The Diocese of Sodor and Man.
- The Channel Islands.

We can consider help for Anglican clergy in the Diocese in Europe or who currently work abroad (supported by a UK-based mission agency). However, our help in these cases will be limited to unforeseen crises and not where any structural shortfall in finance or healthcare provision could have been anticipated prior to the posting.

All support is provided by our small and friendly team of grants officers and is completely confidential. Please do contact them with any concerns about eligibility on 020 7799 3696 or [grants@clergysupport.org.uk](mailto:grants@clergysupport.org.uk)

## Frances Ashton's Charity

<http://www.francesashton.co.uk>

The Frances Ashton Charity provides one off grants to serving or retired clergy of the Church of England and to their widows and widowers in cases where there is an exception or urgent need. If you or someone you know may benefit from the support of the Frances Ashton Charity, please contact the charity for advice or download an application form

[francesashton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:francesashton@hotmail.co.uk)

07775 717606

## Foundation of Edward Storey

<http://edwardstorey.org.uk/>

[info@edwardstorey.org.uk](mailto:info@edwardstorey.org.uk)

01223 364405

The Foundation is able to offer a certain number of grants and repayable grants each year to financially unsupported (single) applicants in need. These can be awarded to: women living within the county of Cambridgeshire and over 40; widows, widowers, divorced or separated spouses of clergy who have served in the Church of England, the Church in Wales or the Scottish Episcopal Church; clergywomen, deaconesses, missionaries or other women professionally connected to the Church of England.

The amount of any award will depend on the type of help required, and all decisions are at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

Occasionally we also award 'annual grants', or regular support payments, to older applicants, normally over 60. These are reviewed annually. Any applicant for a grant will automatically be considered for an 'annual grant'.

## **Society for the Relief of Poor Clergy**

<http://www.srpc-aid.com>

[srpc@cpas.org.uk](mailto:srpc@cpas.org.uk)

01926 334242

Founded 1788 to aid evangelical ministers and their dependants in times of financial distress due to sickness, bereavement or other difficulties.

### **The Society Makes Grants To:**

Evangelical clergy and evangelical Accredited Lay Workers in the following categories of need:

- Bereavement
- Illness
- Removals
- Family support to enable young people to participate in a 'ministry experience' during a gap year before university
- Family support to enable children/young people of evangelical ministers to attend Christian camps, for their spiritual benefit and to develop leadership potential
- Other special needs (at the Trustees' discretion)

Grants are also made when needed to the widows and widowers of evangelical clergy.

The Trustees have the discretionary power to consider other circumstances but only where these are giving rise to exceptional hardship.

Grants are not made for educational purposes or towards normal travelling expenses.

The Trustees also administer grants from J F W Deacon's Charity for ordained and lay persons in Christian ministry who have special needs as a result of times of illness or stress, or who are facing unusual and unforeseen difficulties. (Such grants are not included in the accounts to which these notes relate.)

## **The English Clergy Association**

<http://www.clergyassoc.co.uk/content/home.htm>

The English Clergy Association represents the interests of the English Clergy, and provides advice, legal information and modest grants for holidays for clergy. The ECA has not only clergy, but also lay members.

Holiday grants are given, in many cases of a sufficient size to make a significantly helpful contribution to clergy (and their family's) enjoyment of human life.

## **Queen Victoria Clergy Fund**

[chris.palmer@churchofengland.org](mailto:chris.palmer@churchofengland.org)

020 7898 1310

Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ

The Fund provides relief to serving C-of-E clergy in financial need. It does not consider individual applications but apports its annual charitable income among the 42 dioceses of the C-of-E using an agreed formula. Each diocese applies the Fund's grant on a confidential basis through its discretionary funds.

## **The Buttle Trust**

<http://www.buttleuk.org/>

020 7828 7311

Child support grants – for an item or service which is critical to the wellbeing of the child.

School fees grants – to help meet the costs of schooling for children with acute needs that cannot in practice be met with the state education system or where there is a strong need for the child to be found a place in a boarding school.

Grants for students and trainees – to provide assistance with the acquisition of academic, trade, professional or vocational qualifications to young people facing severe social, emotional or health problems.

## **Dr George Richards' Charity**

020 7588 5583

For the benefit of clergymen of the Church of England who are deserving of assistance and have through age or infirmity become incapable of performing their clerical duties or are in need of assistance in the performance thereof. In the payment of pensions of such amount as the trustees think fit.

## **The Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/diocesan-resources/ministry/wcmet>

The Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust (WCMET) exists to support the ministerial development of women in the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church. We administer the provision of grants to female clergy, female accredited lay workers, and religious sisters in England and Scotland in need of financial support for their continuing training.

## **Pyncombe Charity**

[joeandrita@vfast.co.uk](mailto:joeandrita@vfast.co.uk)

01797212028

Income of about £10,000 applied to assist needy serving clergymen in financial difficulties due to illness or other special circumstances within the family. Applications to be made through the Diocesan bishop.

## **Fellowship of the Maple Leaf**

<http://www.mapleleaf.org.uk/>

The Fellowship of the Maple Leaf (FML) exists to promote links between the Church in Canada and the United Kingdom by furthering mutual learning in our engagement with each other's cultures. To achieve this, grants of two kinds are awarded: Individual bursaries to clergy, ordinands and lay people for study and cross-cultural experiences for Canadians visiting the UK and for people from the UK visiting Canada. These may be for extended placements lasting three months or more, or for short term placements lasting less than three months. Grants for projects. For example:

- Projects for the development of ministry.
- Projects in the fields of Christian education and training, social responsibility, cross-cultural communication, and pastoral work.

- Projects related to the indigenous people of the 'First Nations' in 'Assisted Dioceses' in Canada.
- The Trustees meet twice a year in March and September, to transact the business of FML and approve grant allocations.

Applications for grants may be made at any time; arrangements are in place for allocating grants in the periods between Trustees' meetings where this is appropriate.

## **Gladstone St Deiniol's Library**

<https://www.gladstoneslibrary.org/contact/about-the-library>

The library offers its guests the possibility of individual reflection, as well as social interaction. With an evolving programme of courses and events the priority is to build and nurture a wide network of writers and thinkers in order to maintain Gladstone's legacy of engagement with social, moral and spiritual questions, helping people reflect more deeply on issues and ideas that concern them. The Library is a completely independent charity.

Gladstone did not want anyone who would benefit from a period of study at Gladstone's Library to be prevented from doing so by financial constraint. This is why we work so hard at keeping our prices as low as possible and why we offer scholarships and bursaries as an additional form of assistance.

## **Philip Usher Memorial Fund**

<http://www.philipusherfund.org.uk/apply.html>

The Fund was set up in memory of The Rev'd Philip Usher, to establish a scholarship to enable a student to spend a period in a country in which part of the population practises the Christian religion according to the doctrine and ritual of the Eastern Orthodox Church, in order to study the outlook and mode of life of such part of the population.

## **St Boniface Trust**

<http://www.stbonifacetrust.org.uk/>

The Trust is a small charity established to advance the Christian Religion in accordance with the principles of the Anglican faith in all parts of the world, especially for the provision of education and training of clergy and lay people by the award of scholarships and maintenance allowance or any purpose concerning their spiritual or temporal welfare. The Trust is governed by St Boniface Council and its trustees meet 4 times a year. The Trust's aim is to allocate 50% of grants to individuals or projects overseas but support is also given for those undertaking ordination training, the cost of attending courses or who are planning a sabbatical or to take study leave.

Because of our limited resources, however, we cannot support 'further' degrees or work placements which form part of, or supplement, ordination training.

To request a grant application form please contact:

[secretary@stbonifacetrust.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stbonifacetrust.org.uk)

01985 216904 - evenings and weekends

Applications must be accompanied by at least one letter of support.

All applications are given thoughtful and careful consideration.

## **St George's Trust**

<http://www.fsje.org.uk/sgeorges.php>

The Trust gives grants to Anglican clergy, seminarians and students. The awards are currently worth up to £350. Each year the Trustees set a budget for the total amount that can be awarded and distribution is made until the limit is reached. We therefore encourage application early in the

calendar year. Clergy - The grants for stipendiary clergy are for those taking sabbaticals. For self-supporting clergy (for whom official sabbaticals are rarely given) grants are available for recognised study. The grant will customarily contribute towards travel and accommodation costs involved in study. A brief letter of confirmation from a cleric's bishop, archdeacon or continuing education office is required to support the application.

### **St Luke's College Foundation**

<http://www.st-lukes-foundation.org.uk/>

Grants are awarded to individuals for research and taught postgraduate qualifications in these fields; and to eligible organisations for related initiatives and facilities. The Foundation does not finance buildings, or provide bursaries for institutions to administer; and it is precluded from the direct support of schools (although it does support teachers who are taking eligible studies). The "Awards" area of this website contains details about the various awards that the Foundation makes and it also explains how to make an application.

### **Winston Churchill Memorial Trust**

<http://www.wcmt.org.uk/>

Would experience overseas enhance your effectiveness in your career or field of interest? Could this bring real benefits and positive change to your community, the UK and yourself? If the answer is 'yes', check your eligibility, look at examples of previous projects, and register to receive an email alert when applications reopen. Grants cover return and internal travel, daily living and insurance.