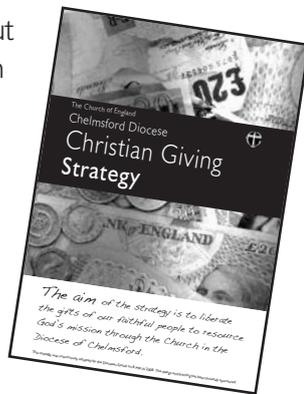




# Guidance for PCCs to help them consider the Christian Giving Strategy

The Chelmsford Diocese Christian Giving Strategy received unanimous approval at the March 2008 Synod. It is offered to parishes as an honest attempt to enable us all to reflect carefully and prayerfully on our responsibility to give generously to our Church finances.

All parishes are requested to put the Christian Giving Strategy on its PCC agenda, using the following questions to assist the discussion. **Please ensure members have received a copy of the Strategy before the meeting.**



## Context

Look at the bullet points that describe the context for addressing Christian giving in the diocese.

- How does your parish sit within the context described?
- Which of the issues do you think your PCC needs to address?
- Has your PCC made use of your Area Mission & Parish Development Adviser – Robin Stevens (Barking), Martin Wood (Bradwell) and Annie Coley (Colchester)?

## The Strategy

Look at the list of points in the strategy.

- How would you rank them?
- Can you identify other items that should have been included?

How does your parish connect the giving of money with the discipleship to which each baptised Christian is called?

## Is yours a 'stewardship parish'?

The following check list for parishes will help to identify whether you are following the principles and practice of Christian Stewardship.

- Do you have an annual renewal of stewardship promises/pledges?
- Do you have regular teaching and preaching on Christian giving?
- Does Christian giving feature in the corporate prayer of the Church?
- Is information readily available to Church people to help them to manage their giving?
- Does your PCC pay its parish share in full on time each month?
- Does your church depend more on giving than fund raising?
- Is giving seen as a part of Christian discipleship in the parish?
- Does the PCC give at least 10% of its general income to causes outside the parish?

## What will your next step be?

- Write down your present parish strategy
- Identify desirable developments?
- Decide a timetable for implementation?
- If you are not going to take any action just now, is everyone clear why?

