

# Living Our Faith

The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth



## 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
2. development of formation and support of our clergy;
3. Assisting the formation and education in the faith of lay people and encouraging volunteers and evangelization in our local parishes and pastoral areas;
4. Renewing parish facilities, providing loans and grants; and
5. Providing for specific parish needs.

Already, 6343 families have made sacrificial gifts to the campaign at an average gift of £2,093 (rounded down). 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.

## So many exciting new projects

To-date 73 projects have been approved or are waiting approval totalling £2,491,047. The projects include the recruitment of youth workers, children's ministry coordinator, and pastoral assistants, the provision of funding for buildings and maintenance projects, communications and education projects, and projects which involve acts of kindness and benevolence. The following are a sample of the projects approved since June 2011.

### INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES

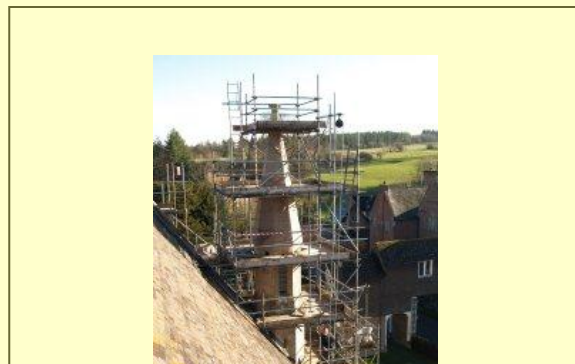
Total Number of Pledges	6343
Total Amount Pledged	£13,247,239
The largest donation	£100,000
Total amount received to-date	£7,136,838
Parish share	£3,223,723
Diocese share	£3,913,115
Total amount spent so far	
- Parish Local Funds Amount Spent =	£1,699,039
- Parish and Lay Formation Fund Spent =	£539,790
- Renewing Facilities Fund Spent =	£40,000
79 members of the clergy have pledged	

### Local Parish Fund Allocations.

1. Refurbishment of the Parish Hall. Bournemouth Our Lady Queen of Peace £5,354
2. Audio Visual Equipment, CCTV and redecoration of Our Lady Chapel. Southampton Immaculate Conception. £21,491
3. New Missals for Christ the King, Hedge End and West End £2,200
4. A damp proof course tray for Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Farnborough. £2,750
5. Thatcham. New Sanctuary floor £3,077. New Parish Computer £416. Lentern Retreat £400.
6. Funds towards the building cost of the new church. The Sacred Heart, Waterlooville £188,233
7. Replacement of windows and fire doors in the church hall. Bournemouth, St Thomas More. £4860

## More exciting projects

6. Major building works to waterproof the church. Local fund £53,544 and from the renewing facilities fund £40,000. The Sacred Heart, Ringwood.
7. Re-development of the Cathedral Centre, meeting rooms and toilets. St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. £16,819
8. The Oasis of Peace project to restore for fuller use St Mattheew's presbytery, Jersey. £95,000
9. Upgrade to Parish Kitchen and meeting rooms. Corpus Christi, Bournemouth £30,000
10. Reading St Joseph's. Block patio adjacent to Parish Hall plus a metal post to protect an external gas meter. £6,050
11. Repairs to St Mary's and an extension to St Patricks. East Hendred £118,836
12. Church roof repair fund, St Mary, Alton. £211,720
13. Repairing and resurfacing the church car park and the repayment of a £11K Diocesan loan. The Immaculate Conception, Liphook £15,859
14. Refurbishment of the old brick built school buildings to make into a hospitality centre for use as a core parish facility in the New Forest Pastoral Area. Lymington £55,000
15. Repay outstanding loan for the church extension. Portsmouth Park Gate - St Margaret Mary. £41,000
16. Restoration of presbytery kitchen. St Thomas, Cowes £1,000
17. Additional building costs for church roof. Fareham £30,000
18. Renovation of a confessional, and restoration of steps and rails at the Lectern and Pulpit. St Mary, Ryde. £7,500.
19. Further refurbishment of the church hall. Bournemouth, Our Lady Queen of Peace £12,002
20. Reduce church debt. St Swithun, Yately £2,890
21. Children's Ministry Coordinator for 3 years. Basingstoke, St Joseph £40,500



St Mary's Church, East Hendred.

*Picture by Barry Hudd*

22. St Swithun Wells. St Andrew's resurface car park (£9,576). St Edward's audio visual work (£5,000) and disabled access construction (£1,000)
23. Kitchen Room Our Lady Star of the sea/Parish Rooms. Guernsey. £16,204
24. Upgrade to Parish Kitchen. Reading English Martyrs. £13,000
25. Emergency repairs to lead flashing on the church roof to prevent water ingress. Brockenhurst. £11,000

## Diocesan Lay Formation Fund

### Allocations:

1. Funding for education and conferences
2. Youth Workers for the North West Hants Pastoral Area and for Guernsey
3. Year Out for God student
4. Pastoral Assistant - Southampton Central and West



*A grant of £40,000 from the Renewing Facilities Fund was given to the Sacred Heart Ringwood to help towards waterproofing the church.*

*Picture by Anthony Neville*

## 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 scrutinise 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.*

*Picture by Portsmouth People*

*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.*

## 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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