



Treasurers News

Spring 2022

Hello,

It hardly seems possible that I have been working here now for over six months. The time has passed unbelievably fast, and now here I am sending out the first Treasurers newsletter of 2022.

Everyone has been really welcoming and I am very much enjoying my time here. Hopefully 2022 will be the year when I will be able to meet at least some of you in person, rather than via Zoom, although for the first part of the year at least our contact will still rely on technology.

Just to remind you all that emails sent to financeteam@cofebirmingham.com are reviewed by everyone in the finance department and any which are sent there for me are forwarded on. So if you are not sure who the right person is to contact, hopefully we will! If any of you do need or want to contact me directly, my email is: LucyP@cofebirmingham.com.

And so to other matters.

Digital Giving Contactless Rollout Scheme

Contactless Rollout

Just to remind everyone that applications are now open for parishes to apply for one of over 30 Contactless donation devices from Church of England Birmingham in partnership with the National Giving Team.

This is an exciting and affordable opportunity to get set up with a simple and safe way of giving. Approximately 23% of our parishes currently use contactless devices to great effect. Until now, some churches have expressed apprehension over cost, how to choose a device and the registration process. This scheme looks to overcome those barriers by providing both financial and practical support. As we return to new patterns of in person worship, it's important to offer a variety of ways for people to show their generosity to their local church. There are a variety of devices and a parishes' contribution will be assessed on deprivation metrics and financial return data.

[Follow this link to the Parish Buying landing page](#) for the Birmingham scheme where you will find the project information pack and application form. You will need to register for a Parish Buying account to view the information if you haven't already done so. **The deadline for applications is the 11th March 2022.**





Whether you've only just started considering contactless, been exploring it for a while, currently use a device or haven't even given it a thought yet! Please take advantage of this opportunity for funding and support and apply today.

For queries and more information on this and any other generous giving topics, contact church contact Lou Bayliss - Living Generously Facilitator via LouB@cofebirmingham.com.

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme



The Government has confirmed funding is available for the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPW) until 31st March 2025. The LPW Scheme gives grants that cover the VAT incurred in making repairs to listed buildings in use as places of worship. The scheme covers repairs to the fabric of the building, along with associated professional fees, plus repairs to turret clocks, pews, bells and pipe organs.

For more information visit <http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/>

Generosity Week 2022

This years Generosity Week National service will take place on Sunday 25th September.



Resources from last year are still available from the Church of England website. These will be updated throughout the year but provide useful ideas to help plan your own Generosity Week in the Autumn. Keep a look out

for webinars on running a Generosity Week in the coming months. For more help looking at Generosity in your church contact Lou Bayliss- Living Generously Facilitator via LouB@cofebirmingham.com.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Fundraising Hub

Ecclesiastical Insurance's church fundraising hub has easy-to-use support, guidance and tools to help you and your church with fundraising now and into the future. Existing customers should also have received their "Fundraising in a box" from the insurers. This new resource is a printed toolkit packed with guidance to help churches raise funds.





The box includes: Step-by-step guides to help you navigate the uniquely complex world of church fundraising, clear guidance and steps to make your church fundraising journey easier and more successful and support for you and your church volunteers whether experienced in fundraising or learning on the go. [Follow this link to access the fundraising hub](#) or request your toolkit.

Parish Returns

Alex Woodhouse sent out an email to treasurers on 24th January to remind everyone that the annual online Parish Finance Form will need to be completed once annual accounts have been completed and approved by the PCC.

The Parish Finance Form 2021 needs to be completed online by Friday 10th June 2022

to allow us time to validate the return. The web-link to this form is <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>. Just to remind you, too, that if you have lost your login details or need help to file your information online, please do contact Alex on AlexW@cofebirmingham.com or 07767100219.

We are also holding **Parish Finance Return seminars on 9th May 2022** which you may be interested in attending. More on that below.

Seminars 2022

We have been reviewing our seminars for 2022, in light of how things have gone in previous years. One thing we have decided is to remove the limit of ten places on our online seminars. Hopefully this will allow more of you to feel encouraged to apply to join any that you think would be helpful to you in your role as treasurer.

The format of these is still being put in place, so details about how to book them will be sent out separately in the near future. Please do check when you get the information to see if there is anything which could be of use to you – we'd be delighted to have you along.

With our prayers and best wishes,

The Finance Team

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