



Clergy Support⁺ Trust

Impact Report 2018

Formerly known as Sons & Friends of the Clergy



Clergy Support Trust
is the new name
(since March 2019) of
Sons & Friends of the



Clergy. Our origins date back to 1655, during the time of Oliver Cromwell, when a group of clergy sons gathered in St Paul's Cathedral to raise a collection for destitute clergy who had lost their livings under Cromwell's Protectorate. We received a Royal Charter from King Charles II in 1678 and are now the largest UK charity focused exclusively on supporting Anglican clergy families.

In Autumn 2018 over 1,200 beneficiaries and other stakeholders responded to a survey asking about a potential change of name. Almost two-thirds of respondents (and 79% of women) thought the idea of changing our name was good or excellent. Reactions to the suggested new name of Clergy Support Trust were and continue to be overwhelmingly positive.

2,334

family members
impacted as a result
of our grants
(based on applicant,
partner and dependent
children). Of which,
872 were ordinands
and their partners.

547

grants awarded
excluding ordinands
and organisations.

James's story

With a growing family, there are always constant demands upon finance. We have especially appreciated having some extra money each year which has enabled us to have some holidays away from the pressures of parish ministry. **The finance has also helped at some difficult times in ministry, especially with mental health challenges faced along the way.**



Review of 2018 Grants

Our grants totalled £2.6 million in 2018. As well as providing 547 grants to individuals, we also awarded four organisational grants in 2018. The College of St Barnabas (£45,767), Terrys Cross (£12,000), Society of Mary & Martha (£54,000) and Holy Rood House (£15,000) received grants based on their work supporting Anglican clergy and their families.

800

registrations for the new SPCK/IVP Ordinand Library resource and iOS/Android app.

178

new applicants received grants in 2018 (26% of all applications).

Sarah's story

After a traumatic incident a few years ago, I was struggling with severe anxiety and more recently had begun to feel depressed. **The health grant I received paid for therapy which has given me my life back in so many ways.** I simply could not have afforded that level of treatment without Clergy Support Trust and it is hard to express my gratitude.

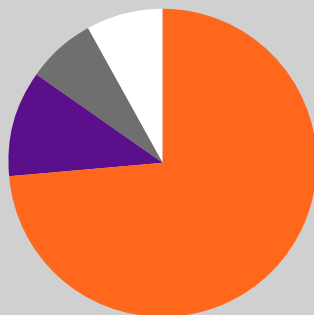


Special Purpose Grants 2018

Resettlement & house expenses	£ 28,470
Education	£ 68,181
University maintenance	£ 123,700
Debt	£ 10,524
Medical	£ 34,723
Nursing & home care fees	£ 74,375
Accessibility modifications	£ 42,295
Relationship counselling	£ 9,429
Bereavement	£ 13,382
Total	£405,079

Grants by beneficiary type

■ Clergy	£1,847,796
■ Divorced/separated	£ 284,378
■ Ordinands (grants and library)	£ 181,155
■ Widows/widowers	£ 195,432



Ben's story

I am a Self-Supporting Minister and my wife has multiple disabilities including arthritis, diabetes and fibromyalgia, which somewhat impairs her mobility. The grants we have received help us to go and stay in suitable accommodation and helps with the food and travel expenses throughout the week. **I don't know how we would manage without help from Clergy Support Trust.**





1,000 people attended our annual Festival Service at St Paul's Cathedral which celebrates the work of the charity and the links between the Church and City of London. The cathedral choirs of Chelmsford, Gloucester and St Paul's provided the music, while the Bishop of London delivered the sermon.

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Further information about the charity can be found in our 2018 annual report and accounts, available at www.clergysupport.org.uk/reports-and-policies



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