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Jeremy Moodey to step down as Chief Executive of Clergy Support Trust to become a vicar himself

Jeremy Moodey has announced his intention to stand down as Chief Executive of the Anglican clergy support charity Clergy Support Trust later this year. Jeremy will continue to lead the charity until a successor has been appointed, which is expected in the autumn. Since September 2018 Jeremy has been training part-time for self-supporting ministry in the Church of England and he has decided that he would like to focus more fully on this, especially in his last year of training.

Jeremy joined what was then Sons & Friends of the Clergy in April 2017 and has worked with trustees to lead the 365-year old charity through a period of significant change. This has included the charity's successful rebranding as Clergy Support Trust in March 2019; the launch of a new grant-making policy in July 2019; and the revision of the charity's 1678 Royal Charter at the end of last year.

The relaunch of the charity in March 2019 included a brand new and award-winning¹ website. The announcement of a new multi-annual strategy to 2022 which had as its aim a significant increase in the number of Anglican clergy families helped by the charity.

In 2019 Clergy Support Trust disbursed grants totalling a record figure of over £3.1 million to 906 beneficiaries, a near doubling of the number helped in the previous year, plus organisational partners. Beneficiaries included serving and retired Anglican clergy and ordinands and their families, as well as clergy widow(er)s and the divorced and separated spouses of Anglican clergy.

The charity has also launched an innovative new partnership with SPCK Publishing to provide over 1,000 free books in e-book format from the SPCK, IVP and Apollos imprints for those training for ordained Anglican ministry. In 2019 this initiative, known as the Clergy Support Trust Library, was extended to curates-in training. At the end of 2019 over 1,600

¹ Runner Up, Best New or Redesigned Website, Premier Christian Digital Awards 2019

ordinands and curates in the British Isles were benefitting from this resource.

Other new initiatives include partnerships in 2019 with StepChange Debt Advice Charity and the Churches Mutual Credit Union to help Anglican clergy families struggling with personal unsecured debt.

Commenting on his planned departure, Jeremy Moodey said:

'I have been very proud to lead Clergy Support Trust through such an exciting time and am grateful for the energy and commitment of colleagues as the charity has experienced a period of such rapid change. The charity does wonderful work supporting Anglican clergy families in need, and it is now well placed to reach even more beneficiaries with more focused help in the future.'

'I am sad to be leaving, but I do feel it is right to devote more time and energy to my own sense of calling to ordained Anglican ministry. Our 2022 goal of doubling the number of clergy families helped by the charity has already been achieved, so this is a good time for someone else to come in as CEO who can continue to work with trustees and staff in developing the charity in its vital mission.'

The charity's chair of trustees, the Revd Canon Simon Butler, added:

'Jeremy has led the charity with great energy and distinction in the past three years and has played a crucial part in making the charity fit for the needs of its beneficiaries in the 21st century church. We are extremely grateful to him for his contribution to our long history as a charity, and for all that he has brought to our work. We thank him for the way he has given us such good notice so that we can seek a suitable successor who will build on the work he has done and wish him well as he prepares for the next stage of his ministry to Christ and his Church.'

Canon Butler and a group of trustees will oversee the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive and will be appointing an executive search firm in the coming weeks.

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About Clergy Support Trust

Clergy Support Trust is an Anglican clergy support charity which works to promote and support the financial wellbeing and physical and mental health of Anglican clergy and those training for ordination, as well as their families, so that they can thrive and be fruitful in their ministries. The

charity's origins date back to 1655 and it is governed by a 1678 Royal Charter from King Charles II.

Further information:

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