



**Clergy
Support†
Trust**

Impact Report 2019

Formerly known as Sons & Friends of the Clergy



In March 2019 our name was changed from Sons & Friends of the Clergy to Clergy Support Trust after research and a survey of over 1,200 beneficiaries and other stakeholders. The purpose of the change, along with increased marketing activity, was to enable the charity to reach more beneficiaries and increase awareness of its presence, as outlined in our 4-year strategy.

In July 2019, after widespread consultation, our grant-making policy was updated and made more efficient to better reflect and respond to the needs of Anglican clergy and their families. This led to much quicker turn-around times for simpler grants, easier ways of getting in touch (including a new 0800 telephone number) and a more relational and user-friendly approach to applicants, which has been very positively received.

906

households were helped, a record number (2018 was 547).

924

subscriptions for our SPCK/IVP eBook Library, available free to ordinands and (from August 2019) to curates-in-training.



Wellbeing story

My bike was broken, and my wife didn't own one – the children had one good bike between them. After we got a wellbeing grant from Clergy Support Trust towards new bikes and repairing mine, it became 'where are we cycling to today Dad?' It has been fun and enjoyable, and we have spent some quality family time cycling in the local parks and forest. We even managed to take them on our staycation and cycled to the beach. I am now doing pastoral calls using the bike as my new best friend. **The support we have received from Clergy Support Trust has been a breath of fresh air from start to finish.**

Review of 2019 Grants

Our grants spend totalled £3.13 million in 2019, a 35% increase on 2018, reflecting the success of our rebranding in March 2019.

In July 2019 we introduced a new grants policy based on different areas of need, including financial hardship and smaller emergency grants. Organisations supporting Anglican clergy and their families received grants totalling £100k: Society of Mary & Martha (£50k), Holy Rood House (£15k) and Personal Emergencies Fund (£35k). We also gave grants to the College of St Barnabas and Terrys Cross on behalf of their eligible care residents totalling £42k.

1,608

grants were given, 35% more than in 2018.

How we made a difference

Respondents to our impact survey agreed that our support helped improve life in the following areas.*

Made life easier

99%

Worry less about money

98%

Feel generally happier

94%

Helped flourish in ministry

93%

Feel more able to cope

89%

Helped mental health

87%

*Based on 43% response rate (survey sent to 575 grant applicants in 2019).

Health story

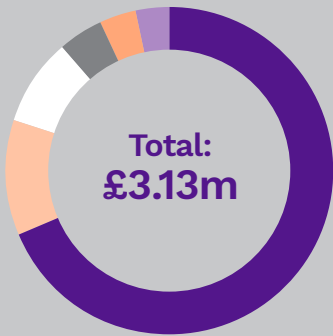
Everyone I had contact with in relation to my application for a health grant for my daughter was outstandingly sympathetic and helpful. I really felt someone cared and understood my anxiety for my child. Your medical adviser was really lovely and helpful in my conversation with him. **I'm so grateful for your help, which has made me feel valued and supported throughout.** Thank you for making this as easy as possible.





Grants by grant type

Financial Support	£1,975k
Wellbeing	£548k
Health	£208k
Emergencies	£193k
Organisations	£100k
Training support (Library)	£59k
Training support (grants)	£43k



Grants by beneficiary type

Serving clergy	£2,118k
Retired clergy	£367k
Divorced and separated spouses	£281k
Widow(er)s	£147k
Ordinands (grants and library)	£116k
Organisations	£100k



Emergency story

We were in a very difficult and stressful situation following the death of my mother-in-law so close to Christmas, and were shocked at how expensive the flights were to get to the funeral. The people at Clergy Support Trust were really good, contacting me to assure their support and then following through quickly to alleviate our financial 'mini-crisis', allowing us to focus on the important things. **I have only positive things to say about the experience.**



There was a significant attendance increase on 2018 at our 365th annual Festival Service at St Paul's Cathedral, on 21 May 2019, which celebrated the work of the charity and the links between the Church and City of London. The cathedral choirs of Canterbury, Coventry and St Paul's provided music, while the Dean of Gloucester, the Very Reverend Stephen Lake, delivered the sermon.

Join us for the next Festival: 11 May 2021



Clergy Support Trust

Further information about the charity can be found in our 2019 annual report and accounts, available at clergysupport.org.uk/key-documents



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