

# Clergy Support Trust



## Impact Report 2020

Clergy are called to serve others.  
Clergy Support Trust exists to serve them.



2020 was a year like no other. Clergy and their families were truly on the frontline, supporting communities up and down the land, through a challenging and frequently unpredictable time. The pandemic saw Clergy Support Trust taking responsive action to meet the needs of our beneficiaries. We swiftly increased the maximum number of Emergency Grants per household from two to three a year, in recognition of the financial and emotional pressures on clergy and their families. With some ordinations postponed, we were pleased to be able to offer immediate support to ordinands with title posts identified.

Throughout all this Clergy Support Trust has continued to deliver on its 2019–2022 strategic plan, while innovating in response to beneficiary needs, through a growing range of support services and partnerships. Our brand recognition has also continued to go from strength to strength.

1,303

households were helped, a record number.

2,467

grants were given, 53% more than in 2019.



Mark, Weston-super-Mare

## Living independently again

30 years ago, I was in a car accident, and since then I've had a steady decline in health which led to a complete loss of mobility.

I couldn't do anything on my own and had to rely on my teenage son to push me.

### Funding for a mobility scooter

I asked Clergy Support Trust for help towards a mobility scooter and was astonished when they offered the full amount.

Now I can go up the beach or do shopping. I can go for walks with my wife and have fish and chips on the pier. This would have been impossible before. I can live a normal life now. It's meant real freedom.

## Review of 2020 Grants and Services

Our grants and services spend totalled £2.65m in 2020. A full year of implementing our new strategy meant the support given was more flexible and targeted to individual needs.

A highlight of 2020 was the launch of a partnership with Sleepstation, providing cognitive behavioural therapy to counter insomnia, for which the take-up has been significant.

Organisations supporting Anglican clergy and their families received grants totalling £90k, including Society of Mary & Martha (£50k), Holy Rood House (£20k) and Broken Rites (£2k). We also gave grants to the College of St Barnabas and Terrys Cross on behalf of their eligible care residents, totalling £58k.

## How we made a difference

Respondents to our impact survey agreed that our support helped improve their lives.\*

**Feel more positive and able to cope in future** **98%**

**Maintain or improve mental health and overall wellbeing** **98%**

**Manage household finances or debts more effectively** **97%**

**Continue to flourish or improve in your ministry/work** **95%**

**Maintain or improve physical health and wellbeing** **87%**

**Improve personal relationships** **83%**

\*Based on 49% response rate (Survey sent to 1,108 grant applicants in 2020)



Eliza, Taunton

## A chance to recharge

I was in crisis in my life. My work was very heavy and stressful, and financially I was absolutely sunk.

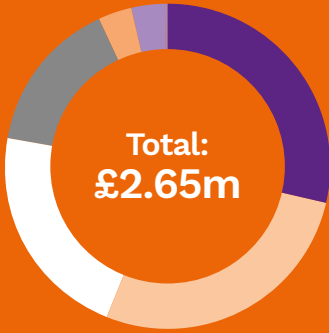
When Clergy Support Trust said they could give me a grant for a holiday it felt like life was possible again.

### Time away from it all

With the holiday grant, I was able to relax and plan a break that didn't have to be on a shoestring.

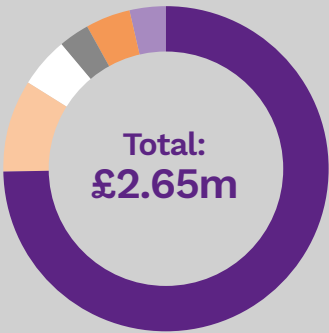
It was amazing to have a lump sum that covered everything. To have the time with my son Sam, away from the pressures in life, just meant the world. We will carry that with us forever.

It was an enormous gift, and I want to say thank you.



## Grants by type

Financial support	£748k
Wellbeing	£719k
Emergencies	£571k
Health	£395k
Organisations	£90k
Training support	£88k



## Grants by beneficiary type

Serving clergy	£1,985k
Retired clergy	£244k
Divorced and separated spouses	£131k
Widow(er)s	£80k
Ordinands (grants and library)	£122k
Organisations	£90k



**Matt, Purbrook**

### Lifeline for a new curate

When Covid happened, I ended up living in a motor home for six months. I'd been at college and went to live with mum and dad, while I waited for my curacy house, but they needed to shield.

With all my things in storage I didn't have anything to cook with, anything to wear, or anything to wash with. I was really struggling. I was really desperate.

#### Help for emergencies

I rang Clergy Support Trust and even though I wasn't ordained yet, they made an exception and awarded me an emergency grant. It was a lifeline.

I genuinely wouldn't be here without the help of Clergy Support Trust.





Shirley, Carmarthen

## Help with an unexpected expense

It's been quite a rollercoaster ride for us because I'm the only earning family member.

With Covid having struck, my parents in India are finding it difficult because my father used to be a travel operator, so I'm trying to support them as well.

### **Car breakdown**

My role requires me to travel quite a lot in my car, which is 15 years old, and we had a huge problem when the air conditioning pump blew up.

We had not really put any money aside for this. The Trust was very kind and gave us enough to get my car sorted. Thank you, you've helped us a lot.



# Clergy Support Trust

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