

Charities that help clergy and their families

This list of charities is an attempt to summarise some of the principal sources of grants and funds for clergy and their families. Most Bishops and dioceses have access to other local funds, and clearly this can be a good starting point. National charities listed here can also be helpful, and may be worth contacting for specific assistance.

Henry Smith's Charity

The Director, The Henry Smith Charity, 124 Chancery Lane, London EC4A 1 BU – 020 7320 6884 – www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk

For the relief of poor, aged or sick members of the clergy and their spouses, widows, widowers and dependants. For further details, please call the Information Line on 020 7320 6884.

The Friends of the Clergy Corporation The Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

www.friendsoftheclergy.org.uk (web site gives information about both charities)

FOCC

Holidays
Primary school clothing
Retirement
Infant, adult and clerical clothing
Hospital visiting
Convalescence
Maintenance for children at universities/colleges

CSOC

Secondary school fees and clothing
School travel and trips of an educational nature
Musical instruments and lessons
Maintenance for dependent children of single parent families
Book grants for ordinands

If your need falls into one charity's listed area, please contact that charity only. Otherwise please contact **either** the Registrar of the CSOC (020 7799 3696 or registrar@sonsoftheclergy.org.uk) or the Secretary of the FOCC (020-7222 2288 or focc@btinternet.com) either of whom will be pleased to advise you.

Frances Ashton's Charity

Mrs Barbara Davis, The Receiver, Frances Ashton's Charity, CAF, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4TA – 01732 520081

Provides grants of variable amounts for needy clergy of the Church of England, serving or retired, and the widows or widowers of such clergy. Completed applications are required by 1 June for the annual distribution in September.

Foundation of Edward Storey

Storey's House, Mount Pleasant, Cambridge CB3 0BZ – 01223 364405 – info@edwardstorey.org.uk

The clergy widow branch gives financial help and limited accommodation for women who are:

1. Widows of clergymen of the Church of England
2. Dependants of clergymen of the Church of England
3. Women Deacons and Deaconesses of the Church of England
4. Missionaries of the Church of England
5. Other women closely involved in the work of the Church of England.

Newton's Trust

Chapter Office, 19a The Close, Lichfield WS13 7LD – 01543 306104 – enquiries@lichfield-cathedral.org

Newton's Trust is established to provide financial assistance to widows or unmarried daughters of deceased clergymen and to divorced or separated wives of clergymen of the Church of England. Applications are considered by the grants committee appointed by the Trustees, and one-time cash grants are made at their discretion.

Society for the Relief of Poor Clergymen

c/o CPAS, Athena Drive, Tachbrook Park, Warwick CV34 6NG – 01926 458458 – srpc@cpas.org.uk

Founded 1788 to aid evangelical ministers and their dependants in times of financial distress due to sickness, bereavement or other difficulties.

The English Clergy Association

Almoner: The Revd J. Charles Stallard MA, Greengates, Cae Melyn, Aberystwyth SY23 2HA

01970 624269 – www.clergyassoc.co.uk

Holiday grants are given, in many cases of a sufficient size to make a significantly helpful contribution to clergy (and their family's) enjoyment of human life.

Queen Victoria Clergy Fund

020 7898 1310

Assisting (through the dioceses) Church of England clergy in financial need.

The Buttle Trust

Audley House, 13 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HS – 020 7828 7311 – buttlehq@buttle.dircon.co.uk

Child support grants – for an item or service which is critical to the well being of the child.

School fees grants – to help meet the costs of schooling for children with acute needs that cannot in practice be met with the state education system or where there is a strong need for the child to be found a place in a boarding school.

Grants for students and trainees – to provide assistance with the acquisition of academic, trade, professional or vocational qualifications to young people facing severe social, emotional or health problems.

Family Welfare Association

501-505 Kingsland Road, Dalston London E8 4AU – 020 7254 6251 – www.fwa.org.uk

Since 1869, FWA has provided support to some of the poorest families in the country. It provides grants as well as social work support to people of all ages, working with them to help them solve their own problems. This charity is not specifically church-related.

Mothers' Union

Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3RB – 020 7222 5533 – www.themothersunion.org

Caravans in holiday locations – sometimes families can stay with members for 'Away from it all' holidays.

Tranquillity House

The Grant Secretary: Mrs Ridgeway, Tranquillity House Trustees, 9 Merrivale View Road, Dousland, Yelverton, Devon PL20 6NS

The Tranquillity House Trust is a grant-making charity whose particular function is to assist towards the cost of holidays for clergy, and in the making of awards it is required to have particular regard to those clergy who are for any reason in need. Nominations are made by the Bishop.

Crosse's Charity

Clerk to the Trustees: Mr C P Kitto, 20 Saint John Street, Lichfield, Staffs. WS13 6PD – 01543 262491

Provides small annuities for widows of clergymen of the Church of England. Preference given to those, who from age, ill-health, accident or infirmity are unable to maintain themselves by their own exertions.

Christians against Poverty

01274 760720 – www.capuk.org

Christians Against Poverty is a national debt counselling charity, with a network of 36 local centres offering debt counselling, practical services and financial education.

St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy

14 Fitzroy Square, London W1P 6AH – 020 7388 4954 – www.stlukeshospital.org.uk

Free treatment for Anglican clergy and their dependent families, and certain others involved in ministry.

The Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust

c/o The Director, Ministry Division, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3NZ

The three Trusts formerly known as the Central Deaconess House Trust Fund, the St Andrews House Fund and the Church of England Deaconess Fund have now been amalgamated, and are governed by a scheme known as the Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust. The object of the WCMET is to further the Continuing Ministerial Education of women in the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church by means of grants to ordained women, female Accredited Lay Workers (including Church Army sisters) and religious sisters (lay or ordained) who, in the opinion of the Trustees, are in need of financial assistance.

The Trustees' policy is to assist their work and professional ministry in areas that go beyond normal diocesan financial responsibilities or where normal diocesan resources are insufficient, for example in-service training, academic study, sabbaticals and travel.

Applications should be made on the form provided. Applications will normally be considered quarterly, at the end of: March, June, September and December.

The Elizabeth Finn Trust (formerly DGAA)

1 Derry Street, London W8 5HY – 020 7396 6700 – www.elizabethfinntrust.org.uk

The Elizabeth Finn Trust relieves need and distress among British and Irish people, and members of their immediate family, from a wide range of occupations and backgrounds. No account is taken of religious denomination, political opinion, age or place of residence. Need and distress may encompass difficulties associated with old age, infirmity, disability, social isolation or financial need.

People helped fall into two groups: those who live at home and have capital worth no more than £16,000, excluding the value of their property, and those who need help with fees for a residential or nursing care home and have capital worth no more than £12,250.

IndependentAge (formerly RUKBA)

The Director, 6 Avonmore Road, London W14 8BR – 020 7605 4200 – www.independentage.org.uk

The main aim is to help older people (aged 60 and above) on low incomes to live with dignity and peace of mind by providing: a regular extra income, grants for emergencies, equipment to aid independence, the support and friendship of our volunteers, nursing and residential care and help with fees. Priority is given to those who have helped others. This charity is not specifically church-related.

Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances

Lancaster House, 25 Hornyhold Road, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 1QQ – 0800 587 4696 – www.salrc.org

The Society assists women domiciled and habitually resident in the United Kingdom, who are living alone and in genuine need, irrespective of age or social status. Often they are elderly ladies who require help towards their day-to-day living expenses. The Society is also able to assist women in financial difficulties for other reasons, perhaps due to sickness, unemployment, divorce or separation.

Additional Curates Society

Gordon Browning House, 8 Spitfire Road, Birmingham B24 9PB – 0121 382 5533

Giving grants to parishes to help pay costs of curates and encouraging vocations.

Lawrence Atwell's Charity

www.skinnershall.co.uk/lawrence_atwell.htm

The Charity assists young people who come from a low-income background to become qualified or equipped to work in their chosen career.

Rustat Grants at Schools

The Dean, Jesus College, Cambridge CB5 8BL – 01223 339421

The Trustees give assistance to needy clergy whose children are being educated in maintained schools. Although any deserving cases will be considered, they would particularly like to help clergy below the status of incumbent with children at school. Applications have to be approved and signed by the diocesan authorities, and should include a financial statement and details of children's ages and schools.

The Trustees are also able to provide bursaries for clergy children who gain a place to study at Jesus College. The intention is to attract good applicants from clergy families, and to supplement the successful candidates' maintenance awards, reducing the need to take out student loans.

Dr George Richards' Charity

Secretary: Dr P D Simmons, 98 Thomas More House, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BU – 020 7588 5583 – g.richardscharity@tiscali.co.uk

Financial assistance for Anglican clergy retired early through ill health; also widowers and dependent children. A 2-sided A4 application form needs to be completed. Trustees meet in June and November.

Pyncombe Charity

Secretary: Mrs Rita Butterworth, Wingletye, Lawford, Crowcombe, Taunton, Somerset TA4 4AL – 01984 618388 – joeandrita@waitrose.com

Income of about £10,000 applied to assist needy serving clergymen in financial difficulties due to illness or other special circumstances within the family. Applications to be made through the diocesan bishop.

The St George's Trust

Secretary: Mrs Carol Fen, 7 Brookside, Hornchurch RM11 7RR

Make grants for purposes that encourage the Anglican Communion. Trustees are keen to support sabbatical studies and in some cases gap year students wanting to work overseas. Trustees meet in March and September.

Working Families Tax Credit

A clergy family with two children and a small second income may fall within the threshold. Telephone 0845 609 5000 for the paperwork, which is not too complex to complete. There is the need to re-apply every six months. See www.workingfamilies.org.uk.

Eggbeer Trust

The Eggbeer Trust provides a free caravan holiday in Cheriton Bishop in Devon to clergy families who would like to take up this offer. The bookings secretary is: Mrs Grace Herniman, The Old Stables, The Manor House, Thurloxtton, Near Taunton, Somerset TA2 8RH – 01823 412334.