



THROUGHOUT

Diocese of



Wakefield

GOD'S WORLD

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THE BISHOP'S DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Bishop's Development Fund is a charity to help Anglican churches within the Diocese of Wakefield develop new initiatives. The Fund supports mission within the diocese by specifically encouraging:

Congregation Growth Projects which provide new facilities – or initiatives – to encourage more people to attend and support Church.

Attracting Young People New initiatives to attract and retain young people.

Community Outreach New projects which bring benefits to the wider local community. Helping and working with local people.

Our aim is to support locally based projects where mission not maintenance is the keynote of Church life.

The Trustees would look favourably on applications in the next twelve months for:

- Help with the funding of gap year/pastoral assistants/students under 25
- 'Fresh expressions' initiatives that encourage the formation of new Christian communities and groups
- Projects which encourage working together across parish boundaries
- Environmental and "green" community initiatives

The Trustees feel that they are unable to support applications for:

- Salaries of paid staff (although sessional staffing costs may be considered),
- The purchase of IT equipment for normal patterns of worship
- Building work to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act.

Grants will normally be up to £5,000.

In the first instance parishes should seek guidance from Susan Parker at Church House about their proposed application before filling in an application form.