

Radlett PCC

Radlett Vicar's Discretionary Fund

Since 2003, there has been a "Discretionary Fund" under the control of the Vicar of Radlett, with the broad aim of enabling the Vicar to make donations and grants to alleviate needs of parishioners and others.

Sources of income into the fund have been "ad hoc" (e.g. from individuals, and arising from talks given by the Vicar) and in the years 2013-2015, donations made in each year have varied between £180 and £250, with no single donation being more than £200.

In 2015, the Vicar and Churchwardens felt it was desirable to define the parameters of the Fund more clearly, particularly its purposes and how it should be resourced. Following discussion at the PCC in March 2016, the following was agreed:

1. The scope of donations shall be to help
 - individuals and families within the parish in order to enable them attend a course or conference (e.g. Spring Harvest) which would be of benefit to them and which otherwise they could not afford to attend
 - children and young people within the parish with activities, trips and equipment, which otherwise their families could not afford
 - people within the parish who are in financial difficulties and where a small donation (probably in goods rather than money) would provide a significant benefit
 - the homeless within the parish with food and necessities of life (i.e. no cash)
 - other needs within the parish where the Vicar deems a small one-off donation would benefit the individual or family (and recognising that other organisations also provide support for individuals and families especially at Christmas time)
2. There shall be no limit on the number of donations per year, but no donation shall be more than £200, nor shall any individual or family receive more than £200 in a year.
3. The Fund shall be publicised at Christmas and Easter, and a proportion of the cash offerings from Christmas and Easter services shall be given to the Discretionary Fund. The proportion shall not exceed one-third, and shall also be subject to holding a maximum of £750 at any time in the Fund.
4. Donations from the Fund shall be at the discretion of the Vicar of Radlett. The Vicar shall keep records and provide a confidential report to the Churchwardens of Radlett Parish each year (with names removed if appropriate).

PCC Management Committee