



# Diocese of Edinburgh

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From the Diocesan Treasurer

By email to Church Treasurers

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7 December 2021

Dear Treasurer,

### Your quota allocation for 2022

I attach a schedule which shows the allocation of Total Diocesan Quota for 2022 to all Charges in the Diocese. You will be able to find your church listed alphabetically by town or name within the appropriate Area Council heading.

#### **Total Diocesan Quota**

Treasurers will recall that Total Diocesan Quota for 2021 was reduced by 10% compared with 2020, thanks to a generous three-year subsidy from the Province. In 2022 that subsidy will reduce by £28,000 equivalent to a rise of 6% in Diocesan Quota. Despite this, the Diocese has been able to restrict the increase in its quota to just 2%, by utilising budget underspends in the current year. The Diocese's budget for 2022, including this level of Total Diocesan Quota, was duly approved by Synod last October.

#### **Method of allocation**

Total quota is allocated across Charges in proportion to their Quota Assessable Income (QAI) averaged over the most recent three years. QAI in each year is the amount of total income or total receipts per the accounts for that year, as filed with OSCR, adjusted for any allowable exclusions claimed by treasurers on the annual Finance Schedule.

The attached schedule shows for each Charge:

- a) QAI in each of the years 2017 to 2020
- b) Weighted Average QAI. [=  $(4 \times 2018 + 5 \times 2019 + 6 \times 2020) / 15$ ]
- c) Quota allocation for 2022
- d) What 2021 Quota would have been without the 10% reduction
- e) Actual 2021 Quota, incorporating the 10% reduction

Where the increase in quota 2021 (col (e)) to 2022 (col (c)) is more than 2% it is because the QAI for 2020 is greater than the QAI for 2017, which it replaces for the purposes of arriving at Weighted Average QAI.

#### **The Diocese's Covid Support Fund**

In 2020, the Diocese created a Fund to assist any Charges in the Diocese that may have difficulty, as a result of Coronavirus effects, in meeting their quota allocation. A number of Charges generously supported this fund by opting not to take the 10% discount in 2021 quota. Their donations have already been paid out as grants.

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Despite the increase in 2022, quota will still be some 8.2% below the level in 2020. If your vestry considers that your congregation is still – or is now – in a position to offer support to fellow congregations in greater financial need, please let me know.

#### **Method of payment**

Unless I hear otherwise, I will assume you will continue paying in 2022 the way you have been paying in 2021. Direct Debits will be updated with effect from January 2022 to the new amount. If you wish to continue paying by Standing Order, please remember to contact your bank to instruct payment at the new monthly rate.

However, if you don't currently pay by Direct Debit, please consider changing to this method: it allows annual changes to be made by the Diocese rather than requiring your involvement with bank instructions. A Direct Debit mandate form should be available on the Diocesan website under "Diocesan Office Resources: Finance", but if you need help in obtaining a copy or advice on filling it in, please get in touch.

Of course, the Diocese is always happy to receive lump sum payments in advance from the few Charges that choose to pay in this way!

#### **Payment difficulty**

Standing Committee is aware that some congregations may find difficulty in paying quota. Such difficulties may be capable of resolution in the first instance within Area Councils, whose role includes considering the reallocation of quota between congregations in their area. Otherwise, please get in touch.

#### **Finally**

My thanks to all Charge treasurers for your continuing support, both within your congregations and to me as Diocesan Treasurer. If you have any questions on the matters set out in this letter, please do let me know.

If you wish to convert to Direct Debit, or to make an additional monthly contribution to the Diocesan Covid Support Fund, please let me know by Friday 7 January, so that the new Direct Debit amounts can be set up in good time for the January collection.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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