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There have been a few updates to the application forms and application guide such as safeguarding requirement checks, clarification on VAT, and an increase in the maximum grant available from the **Net Zero Fund!** Grant requests from the Net Zero Fund can be a maximum of 50% of the total project costs including VAT, to a new maximum of £30,000. The most recent document versions are available from the grants section of the website.

Thank you to everyone who has developed projects across the diocese, there is tremendous work going on to repair and improve church buildings, work towards Net Zero and of course plenty of missional activities happening. All projects report to the Grants Committee, in this newsletter you will find some extracts from the reports received and there are even more on the website. If you are feeling inspired the remaining application deadlines for 2026 are 15th July, September and November.

Number of applications approved in 2025

Mission Fund	19
OHSCF	2
Buildings Fund	12
Net Zero Fund	17

Retrospect Funding

The only funds that accept retrospect applications are the Mission Mustard Seed and NZ Quick Win. This is because applying for funding does not guarantee success, approvals are always only made if there are sufficient funds. If a retrospect application is being made, it must be within two months of any purchases. It is always best to seek funding ahead of any purchases and it is essential for all other funds. Full details can be viewed in the application guide.

Mission Fund
Up to £30k





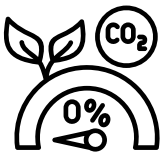
Mustard Seed
Up to £500

Offa House Spirituality Capital Fund
Up to £30k



Buildings Fund
Up to £10k

Net Zero Fund
Up to £30k





Quick Win
Up to £1,500

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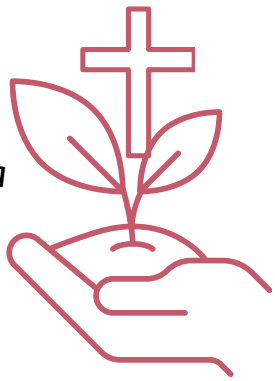
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Catalyst: Use of Social Media to Catalyse Pioneering Student Ministry.

St John's, Westwood report: "*The project is ongoing but after the first 18 months there has been an increase from 10 to 25 students attending in the most recent six months. The social media work has strengthened with videos originally getting around 20 views a week and now videos get around 1000 views a week. This means there has been a significant increase in the amount of people who are hearing the churches content and many of these have been non-Christians. A highlight of the year was the Alpha Holy Spirit Day. We had a powerful time were the God's presence was manifest. It was great to see students experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit for themselves and coming into greater places of freedom.*"

The Parable Keeper Performances

St Matthew's, Heart of England Benefice report: "*This was a very well received performance by 4 Front Theatre company of a very suitable one hour long presentation of the parables of Jesus. Both of the church schools in our parish attended en masse and we also held a second performance in the evening. The parables were brought to life very imaginatively and the whole event contributed to making Bible stories fun, which enhanced our Collective Worship in School. We also had wider members of the public attend the early evening performance.*"



Repairs to the Glazing of Tidmington Church

Tidmington Church, Shipston report: "*This project involved the restoration of key windows in our Grade II* church, as identified in the Quinquennial Report. The church provides a special place for people from much beyond the small village. It is a place for services, for contemplation and it is always unlocked for personal prayer – a place of pilgrimage and deep spirituality. This can only be provided by maintaining the structural integrity of the building. By restringing the windows we have ensured that the building is water-tight and the windows are secure.*"



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Setting up a New Worshipping Community

The Connect@4pm Team report:
"Connect@4pm, a New Worshipping Community planted out of St Margaret's Church Whitnash, has had a very encouraging first year.

Since launching, we have consistently welcomed between 25–35 people each week. This includes a mix of those with prior experience of church, as well as people who are actively exploring faith for the first time. We're beginning to see early fruit from our efforts to connect with the local community and schools, especially on the estate where we're based.

A great example of this was our recent Easter Treasure Trail, which drew around 75 people of all ages. Over half of those attending were not regular churchgoers, but were excited to see something happening around where they live. The event sparked significant conversations, and one new family has since begun attending our Sunday gatherings as a direct result.

A committed core team has formed around a shared vision: to offer a worshipping community that is accessible and rooted in hospitality. Each week, those who join us not only have space to encounter and worship God, but are also invited to share a hot meal and experience a sense of belonging within the family of Jesus."



The Furnace Prayer Room at St. Marks

Reviews from users of The Furnance Prayer Room:
"The Furnace Prayer Room is quite amazing. Such a lovely place to encounter God in a brand new and comfortable fashion. Very serene, lovely and neat."
"There are lots of resources, and it has been well planned and set up, with plenty of ideas and inspiration." Book here



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Wall Mounted Air to Air Heat Pumps

The Operations Manager, St Mary Magdalene with Church of the Risen Christ, reports: "*Having the old gas fed heating units and the copper pipes removed has been a real blessing to the church and the new air to air heat pump / condensing units show the congregation and the community that we as a church care about the environment and have made this change to make a positive effect in our carbon footprint.*



The heat pumps heat/cool the church effectively which has meant we can keep the congregation warm or cool when needed and as they can be timed and managed by a remote control it is effective in reducing our energy costs."

Secondary Glazing in the Lower Vestry and Main Office

Sustainability Lead, All Saints, Bedworth, reports: "*The glazing has meant that the Main Office can now be used without supplementary heaters which is sure to be saving money. The Lower Vestry is now a usable space for 3-4 staff. The glazing is a step on the journey.*"



Apply now...

1. Head to **www.coventry.anglican.org/info-for-parishes/finance/grant-funding**
2. Read the application guidance document
3. Download and complete an application form and Area Dean Support form (where applicable)
4. Submit your completed application to Jo Hands at the email address below.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or need any help please contact Jo: **jo.hands@coventry.anglican.org**