

St Mary the Virgin, Amersham with All Saints' Coleshill

Mission Fund Policy 2025/2026

Purpose

The Mission Fund exists to support the mission and outreach of the church, guided by our three core values: Community, Welcome, and Worship. Through this fund, we aim to build a faithful community of Jesus that provides a warm welcome where all may come and worship God in a place that is loving and safe. The Mission Fund authorises church expenditure for mission and outreach within the church community. It does not provide grants to third parties. However, approved expenditure can be reimbursed.

Scope and Eligibility

The fund is intended to support internally generated projects that arise from within the church community. Applicants are encouraged to speak to a member of the clergy before submitting an application. Projects must clearly demonstrate how they contribute to one or more of our core values:

1. Community
2. Welcome
3. Worship

Only in exceptional circumstances would Standing Committee/PCC agree to the Mission Fund supporting projects that relate to upkeep of buildings and contents.

Application Process

1. Complete the Mission Fund Application Form (appendix A) – available from the PCC Secretary.
 - The form asks applicants to explain how their proposal contributes to the church's core values and mission.
2. Submit the completed form to the PCC Secretary, who will forward it to the appropriate decision-making body:
 - Standing Committee – for requests up to £1000
 - PCC – for requests above £1000

3. The Standing Committee and PCC will assess whether the proposal meets the definition of mission as expressed in this policy.

Decision-Making and Reporting

- The Standing Committee may authorise expenditure up to £1000.
- The PCC must approve any expenditure above £1000.
- All expenditure agreed by the Standing Committee must be reported at the subsequent PCC meeting.

If either the Standing Committee or PCC:

- Require further information: they may return the application to the applicant for clarification.
- Determine the proposal does not meet the criteria or funds are unavailable: the application may be deferred or will not receive funding from the Mission Fund.

Review and Accountability

- The fund's use and effectiveness, along with this policy, will be reviewed annually by the PCC.
- Transparency and good stewardship of church resources remain central to all Mission Fund decisions.
- The PCC and treasurer will require the submission of receipts to ensure the correct use of funds.

Summary

The Mission Fund enables the church to live out its mission of community, welcome, and worship through practical support of local initiatives. By following this policy, we ensure that all mission-related expenditure is prayerfully, fairly, and transparently considered.

Ratified by the PCC on 25th November 2025

Signed:

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