

Vision for Action - Objectives

- Work together in love and commitment to proclaim the Kingdom of God.
- Encourage, support and develop the ministry of each person.
- Encourage each parish to develop the use of church buildings as places of worship and mission.
- Strengthen the commitment to stewardship amongst clergy and laity in order to further the mission of the church.
- Encourage and develop the necessary skills within parishes and deaneries to bring the Gospel to children and young people through worship, schools and other contexts.



Jesus taught his disciples to pray 'Your kingdom come'. The St Albans Mission Support Fund is here to encourage us to work for justice, to care for the needy and to make new disciples for Jesus Christ. I hope it will be a stimulus to help us grow.

+ Alan, St Albans

St Albans Mission Support Fund

A fund to resource mission in the Diocese of St Albans



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The Mission Imperative

The Diocesan initiative, Vision for Action, identifies mission as the overriding priority for the Diocese.

Since the Fund was launched we have been able to help resource mission in many parts of the diocese including grants towards a Schools Worker in NE Hertfordshire, a Church Worker in Hemel Hempstead, a Children and Families Worker in Leighton Buzzard, and the ASCEND project in South Oxhey.

The Fund has about £100,000 p.a. to distribute. It is hoped to add to the Fund from further grants, the diocesan budget and parochial donations. Parishes wishing to contribute to the Fund are invited to send a cheque payable to St Albans DBF to the Diocesan Office.

As a community based charity, ASCEND's work is all about moving people forward, challenging their perceived barriers to education and training; providing people with more choice and control over their lives.



- a popular midweek club for 8-11's held every Thursday evening from 6- 7.30pm during term time at St Hugh and St John, Chells.

Watford Town Centre Chaplaincy is a Christian charitable organisation based in the heart of Watford, "providing a listening ear and building bridges of understanding and trust between work, faith, leisure and society".



Assessment of applications

Parishes, deaneries or other diocesan bodies may apply for an award using a standard application form which requires a costed budget with at least 50% funded from other sources.

The Fund would not normally give grants to capital building projects e.g. kitchens, toilets, extensions.

Applicants will need to demonstrate that they have used their own resources.

In addition each application should:

- Have clear objectives consistent with the aims of Vision for Action (see over page).
- Support ongoing work rather than a one off event.
- Demonstrate that the potential for working with ecumenical partners has been considered.
- Show a commitment to paying the parish share.
- Show evidence of the viability of the project once the grant has come to an end.

Grants may be requested for more than one year up to a maximum of five years with a review after three, subject to a limit of £15, 000 in any year. Applications, which should be submitted by the end of January, May or September each year, are assessed by a Committee which is Chaired by the Rt Revd Richard Inwood, Bishop of Bedford.

To obtain an application form visit the Diocesan website www.stalbans.anglican.org or contact Lynne Griffiths at the Diocesan Office: lgriffiths@stalbans.anglican.org or 01727 818131.