

Charlotte Rushton (Clergy)

From: Charlotte Rushton (Clergy)
Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2024 10:21 AM
To: Rod Green; Laing, James
Cc: Allen-James, Gareth; ray.minton
Subject: PMA Fairer Share 2024
Attachments: MAC minutes 10th January 2024.pdf

All,

I write this morning in relation to a decision that the MAC has made in relation to our Fairer Share contributions.

As you are aware, we have lost up to 33% of our congregation due to the closure of St David's Church, the transfer of the Governance of St Mary's Church to Citizen Church and general post covid decline. We made an appeal to have our Fairer Share reviewed which resulted in a decrease in the number of congregants included in the Fairer Share. That being said, when we received the Fairer Share for 2024, it became immediately obvious that it was beyond our current means to pay.

As you aware, we have a vision for the Ministry Area which includes planting new congregations, new outreach missions, and investing in growth. We have little reserves and no seed money to invest in these projects. Times are tough and we are not taking this lightly. The MA is currently scrutinising our finances, creating microbudgets across all locations within the MA and all for all ministries. Our aim for the end of the year is for each location to reach a zero balance for income/expenditure opposed to ending the financial year with a negative balance.

The amount of Fairer Share asked for would eat into our reserves even further, accelerating our decline and hindering the implementation of our vision. As a result, our MAC has reviewed our finances and decided to offer a realistic level of Fairer Share. We have based our contribution on current congregation levels, with the hope that we will become a more generous M.A. in the future, as well as becoming better stewards of the resource that we currently have. The only way forward for this M.A. is growth, and we are looking to the Diocese for your support in this matter to help us implement our vision.

I have attached our MAC minutes for your information. Ray, our treasurer will send the first payment immediately.

Pob bendith,



Rev Charlotte Rushton

Ministry Area Leader

07383 666 995

Registered Charity Number : 1165251

<https://www.pontypriddministryarea.org.uk>