The Parish Funding Programme enables parishes to generate significant increases in Planned Giving, so that they can fund their continuing mission and their plans for the future.

The Programme begins by prompting each parish to discern and communicate its vision of God’s purpose, together with its future plans.

This motivates givers to respond to future possibilities within the context of personal discipleship.

The Parish Funding Programme deliberately omits reference to ‘time and talents’. This aspect of Christian giving is the focus of other connected programmes and other resources are available on the Parish Resources website.

<http://www.parishresources.org.uk/people/gifts-and-talents/>

The Parish Funding Programme will help parishes which:

* See opportunities for growth but need money to make them a reality.
* Need to reverse current, budgeted or prospective deficits in order to continue their mission.

The Programme is designed in a flexible format so that it can be adapted by Parishes to meet their particular needs and circumstances.

The success of the Programme relies on a firm foundation of teaching and prayer. This will help individuals to consider how they should respond to the financial challenge in regard to their own personal circumstances.

The Parish Funding Programme has at its heart the presentation to potential givers of the vision, plans and funding needs of the parish, at a suitable Parish Event.

The Programme is based on **Seven Steps,** which are common to effective funding programmes, drawn from the experiences of many parishes throughout the UK.

Each step is vital to the success of the whole and none should be omitted.

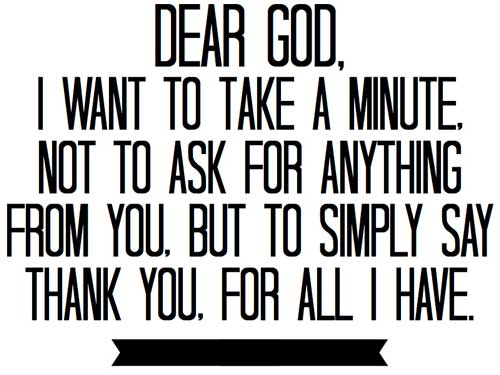
The timetable is flexible, but it is unlikely that an effective Programme will take less than three months to implement.

Parishes are encouraged to adopt and adapt the Programme’s descriptive and sample material to fit the needs and characteristics of their own situation.

*The Purpose*

*The Context*

*A Description*





1. **Commitment from Church Leadership**

* Commitment from PCC & leadership.
* Setting up the Parish Funding Team.
* Regular corporate & individual prayer.

1. **What is our Vision?**

* Forming and sharing a compelling vision and plans for the Parish to be communicated at the Event.

1. **Budget and Income Target**

* Funding budget for the next 1-3 years.
* Assessing and reaching the target for planned giving.

1. **Preparing the Presentation**

* Creating a positive Presentation of the vision, plans and giving target.

1. **The Parish Funding Event**

* The contact list and invitations
* Timing, Location and Format

1. **Collecting Confidential Responses**

* Briefing the Contact Team
* Telephone follow-up & collect results.

1. **Thanksgiving Service & Follow Up**

* Timing and Format
* Thanks and Communication
* Advice on Vision Development.
* A Step-by-Step Process.
* Example materials from successful campaigns delivered by other parishes.
* Templates for Invitations, Letters and Presentations.

*A Parish*

*Funding Programme*

*Bringing Together*

*Our Visions for the Future*

*Our Plans and Initiatives*

*Our Prayerful Response*

*Our Funding Needs*

*Resources Available*

*The Seven Steps*

*For Further Information*

You can download the full

Parish Funding Programme Pack

And access further information by visiting the Parish Resources website:

[www.parishresources.org.uk/giving/pfp](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/giving/pfp)