

Suggested verbal introduction of the survey to your congregation

Today, regular members of the congregation are asked to complete the annual diocesan Income Survey.

This is done by filling in a **confidential and anonymous** form which you will find [in your notice sheet / at the end of the pews / on your seat etc].

Please be assured that no one in the parish or the wider diocese wants to know, nor will be able to work out the personal wealth of any individual.

Completely fill in the box containing the letter that matches the range in which your income falls. Then fold the form over and place it in the sealed box at the back of church before you leave today.

The survey is needed for the calculation of Parish Share, which is the amount of money requested from us each year as part of the wider Diocese of Manchester. This contributes to the costs of, amongst other things, clergy stipends, housing and training.

The combination of all the completed forms provides the giving potential of each church and therefore enables an initial Parish Share request to be calculated.

Please complete a form if you are 16 or over and have attended this church at least twelve times in the past twelve months.

The form is for each individual to complete so, for example, a husband and wife should each complete their own form.

It is also important that everyone who is eligible completes the form, even (indeed, especially) if you have no, or little, personal income.

If you attend worship at more than one church, please complete the form only at the church you consider to be your 'home' church.

Thank you for your help.