

## Parish Support

### **A big thank you – 79% Parish Finance Return submission during lockdown conditions**

*We would like to thank all our parishes for the incredible effort to complete and submit their finance returns this year, relating to 2019 results.*

The financial returns submitted by parishes, are annually collated by the Church of England in a report that summarises and brings together financial information from parishes in 41 dioceses so that main areas of income and expenditure can be monitored; trends identified; planning and budgeting assisted; and projects and fundraising initiatives reviewed.

According to the 2018 report published by the National Church, parish finance accounts for a sizeable proportion of Church of England income and expenditure. The income received by the 12,400 local parishes across all of England is nearly £1.1 billion a year, supporting a Christian presence in every community. Over £500 million is spent on mission and ministry, both directly by parishes and through their contribution to diocesan parish share.

For more information on the 2018 report, please click [here](#).