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Clergy in extra parochial ministry	

Dear *[FNAME]*

The Henry Smith Charity has once again made a grant available to the Bishop so that he may distribute it among the clergy in the diocese who qualify. In order to be eligible for a grant, the Charity stipulates that clergy **must**

- be ordained by the Church of England, and
- be domiciled within the diocese of Salisbury, and
- not be retired.

Please note that the criterion that previously excluded single clergy has now been removed.

If you do not fall within these criteria but, nevertheless, have a financial need, please see the end of this communication because the Bishop may be able to make a grant to you from other limited funds at his disposal.

The Henry Smith Charity's guidelines state that:

'The purpose of our grants is to assist clergy in financial need where this could be detrimental to their ministry. The need may arise from family circumstances (eg a family with children and only one income), unusual or emergency expenditure which strains family finances (eg illness, disability, expensive car repairs) or simply the need for a family holiday after a period of stress and exhaustion, whether through personal issues or the challenge of ministering in difficult parishes.'

While the Charity does suggest to the Bishop that 'strong preference should be given to those families with only a single earner', we all encounter pinch points in our finances from time to time and for a variety of reasons so, if you do have a financial need whatever your circumstances, the Bishop will consider your application.

The Charity specifically prohibits the Bishop from using their grant to support

- *'the cost of private education for children*
 - *extra curricular activities for children (such as music lessons, sports lessons, or trips etc) or any associated equipment costs (such as musical instruments, sports kit etc)*
 - *the costs for further education and post graduate education, this includes the costs of theological studies*
 - *debt relief*
 - *overseas trips for the purpose of mission or theological education*
 - *overseas holidays (but modest overseas travel, for example, to make a necessary visit to a relative abroad might be considered)*
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- *projects or grants towards the welfare of groups of clergy rather than an individual' .*

You may have two grants from the Henry Smith Charity grant per calendar year.

If you would like to apply for a grant out of the Henry Smith Charity funds, then please complete [the application form](#) and return it to me **preferably by email** to bishops.chaplain@salisbury.anglican.org (since The South Canonry staff are working remotely from home) or in hard copy to The South Canonry, 71 The Close, Salisbury SP1 2ER by 9.00am on Tuesday the 21 April 2020. (Click on the hyperlink to download the form but, if you have any difficulty, let me know and I will email you a copy.) If you are unable to email your application, then a hard copy by post to The South Canonry will receive attention. The Bishop will consider all applications as soon as possible after the 25 October and I will be in touch if you have been awarded a grant.

The application form asks for the gross stipend for the year beginning April 2020. For the time being, please use the 2019 stipend figure which is £26970 for those in parish ministry and £24770 for curates.

Subject to consulting first with the Charity, the Bishop may be able to make a grant to recently bereaved clergy widows and widowers from the Henry Smith funds. If you know of such a widow or widower who may be in need, please do draw their attention to this possibility.

The above deals with the distribution of the funds made available to the Bishop by the Henry Smith Charity. If you presently have a financial need but do not fit the criteria for a grant from the Charity's funds or, indeed, if you have a financial need at any time (whether or not you fit the criteria), then please do be in touch in case there may be a way for the Bishop to help. He does also have other limited funds available for distribution and wants, so far as possible, to relieve financial worries that might otherwise detract from your wellbeing and ministry.

Kind regards

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