



***Father Simon Thomson has recently joined the Living Our Faith Committee as a Trustee Member***

A warm welcome to Father Simon Thomson who has just joined the **Living Our Faith** Committee as a Trustee member. Father Simon's first meeting was on Wednesday 3rd February, 2016. Father Simon replaces Canon David Hopgood who had chaired the Committee since its inception in 2009. Father Simon is the Parish Priest at St Swithun Yately, and St Thomas More, Hartley Wintney.

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## Living Our Faith

*The people of the Diocese of Portsmouth*



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**Donor Update—A big thank you.**

Thank you to all Living Our Faith donors because you have pledged £13.1 Million of which £12.72 Million has been received with a further £0.38 Million still pledged.

**To-date £6.2 Million has been allocated to fund:**

- 12 - Parish Hall Renovations
- 5 - Catechists Trained,
- 15 - Programmes for Young People,
- 7 - Youth Workers,
- 86 - Programmes for Adults,
- 94 - Church Refurbishment Projects,
- 11 - Parish Missions,
- 11 - Clergy Projects,
- 1 - New Church,
- 26 - Other Smaller Projects.

### *INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES*

Total Number of Pledges	6485
Total Amount Pledged	£13,127,812
The largest donation	£100,000
Total amount received to-date	£12,722,706
Parish share	£5,650,526
Diocese share	£7,072,180

#### Total amount spent so far

- Parish Local Funds Amount Spent = £3,842,146
- Parish and Lay Formation Fund Spent = £1,416,152
- Renewing Facilities Fund Spent = £471,927
- Clergy Formation and Support Fund = £511,168
- 79 members of the clergy have pledged = £270,027

## **So many exciting new projects**

To-date 263 projects have been approved or are waiting approval totaling £6,241,391. The projects include the recruitment of youth workers, children's ministry coordinator and pastoral assistants, the provision of funding for buildings and maintenance projects, communications and education projects, and projects which involve acts of kindness and benevolence. The following are some of the projects approved in November 2015, and February 2016.

### **Local Parish Fund Allocations.**

1. Reading English Martyrs - Replace two Church heating boilers. (£16,560)
2. East Hendred - Repay Parish Loan (£19, 549)
3. Bournemouth Our Lady Immaculate. To provide Close Circuit TV Cameras for the Church (£1,620)

### **Diocesan Lay Formation Fund Allocations**

1. Maryvale Certificate in Catechesis. 16 candidates from parishes across the Diocese studying for the Certificate in Catechesis. A two year educational course aimed at developing a candidates faith for the sake of explaining it to others. (£10,095)
2. Windsor Pastoral Area - Funding for a Youth Worker for a period of three years after which time the role would be funded by the Pastoral Area.
3. A contribution towards the costs of sending 90 young pilgrims to the World Youth Day event to be held in Krakow, Poland. Pope Francis will be in attendance (£47, 317)

## **Diocesan Lay Formation Fund Allocations (Continued)**

4. Thirst, An ecumenical Christian Youth Event (£150)
5. Bracknell St Joseph - Come Home For Christmas, is an initiative of the Catholic Church which aims to offer a seasonal welcome to Catholics who for different reasons no longer or rarely attend Mass (£95.18)

### **Renewing Facilities Fund Allocations**

1. Aldershot - St Joseph. Three new heating boilers, two for Church, and one for the Presbytery.
2. Hampshire Downs - Milner Hall Project. Urgent repairs to retaining walls and conservation of the front elevation. The Milner Hall is a Grade 2 listed building of significant patrimonial importance to the Catholic Church in the UK, is architecturally important and plays a key part in the history of the St Peter's site in Winchester. (£172,000)

### **Clergy Formation and Support Fund**

1. To contribute to Priest Training (£200,000)
2. To contribute towards Priest's Sabbaticals (£30,000)
3. To contribute one third of the costs towards enabling a Deacon to attend a two year part time Latin Course (£2,230)
4. To contribute one third of the costs of a Deacon to undertake an MA in Applied Theology -- first year only, (£1,059)