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.