

Suffolk Clergy Charity



The Suffolk Clergy Charity supports retired clergypersons, their spouses and the widows and widowers of clergy.

**Bereavement grants
Christmas gifts
Well-being grants**

Do you know a retired clergy person, or the widow or widower of a clergy person, whether retired or not, worried about repairs or unexpected living costs?

The Suffolk Clergy Charity gives support to those individuals by offering help for everyday needs. In retirement not all clergy, or their widows and widowers, have the resources to deal with unexpected financial demands on their savings.

Our Charity is here to help those most in need.

Christmas gifts

The Charity distributes a gift to known clergy widows and widowers at Christmas time. Should you wish to receive this gesture of thanks, please give your details to the Diocesan Clergy Widow Officers, by emailing suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org

Bereavement grants

The Charity offers bereavement grants to widows and widowers of clergy. If you know of someone who could receive this grant, please give their details to the Diocesan Clergy Widows Officers, by emailing suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org

Well-being grants

- It might be adapting your home with necessary aids and equipment to cope with disability.
- It could be essential car repairs so you can remain independent.
- It may be upgrading a heating system or carrying out some decorating when there are risks to your health and safety.

These are just some of the many reasons why you can turn to our Charity for help.

We offer a listening ear that is backed by a history of making small grants swiftly and confidentially to those in need.

Our grants are available following a one-to-one discussion with one of our Trustees.

The Trustees review and judge each case on its own merits and in most cases, we will consider granting up to 50% of each application.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you or your spouse served at any time as an Ordained Anglican Minister within the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich or are now resident in the Diocese, irrespective of where such service was given, then the Charity would be pleased to hear from you and offer whatever help it can.

If you are a dependent of a deceased clergy person who has complied with the conditions outlined above, you may also be eligible.

How do I apply?

The first step is to request a one-to-one discussion with one of our Trustees, by completing the application form.

You can use the form below and send the hard copy marked 'Private and Confidential' to: Suffolk Clergy Charity St Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ.

Or you can email your application to: suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org

Or you can submit the form via our website www.cofesuffolk.org/supporting-retired-clergy/

Our responsibility

Please be assured that the Charity sees its responsibility to provide support for any retired clergy and their spouses as an aspect of the wider church's work of duty and care.

Where we can do so, we wish to express our continuing gratitude for the service of clergy within our Diocese, seeking to alleviate any current hardship and reduce any worries the future might bring you.

Although the Charity only meets three times a year we will endeavour to deal with urgent applications as immediately as we can outside those occasions.

Application Form:

Name (please indicate if you are applying for yourself or a family member)	
Email address	
Telephone number	
Outline of situation and help required	

PRAYER

Lord of the Church,
in giving thanks for the gifts of those who have served
you in the past,
across the varieties of ordained ministry,
may the financial gift of the Suffolk Clergy Charity be
used to bring relief and support to the needy.

We pray that its grants will continue to be the
expression of the selfless giving of Christ,
bringing his care and healing into clergy homes and
families;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Acknowledgements

The Charity wishes to acknowledge the continuing generosity of many clergy, their families and others, in giving a gift, bequest or legacy so as to continue our vital work. For further information or to make similar donations, please contact:
suffolkclergycharity@cofesuffolk.org

Further information

Further information Full information is available on the Diocesan website:
www.cofesuffolk.org/suffolk-clergy-charity

Further information is also available from your Archdeacon, the Diocesan Retired Clergy Officer, the Diocesan Clergy Widows Officers or your Deanery Visitor. They will refer your enquiry to one of our Trustees.



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