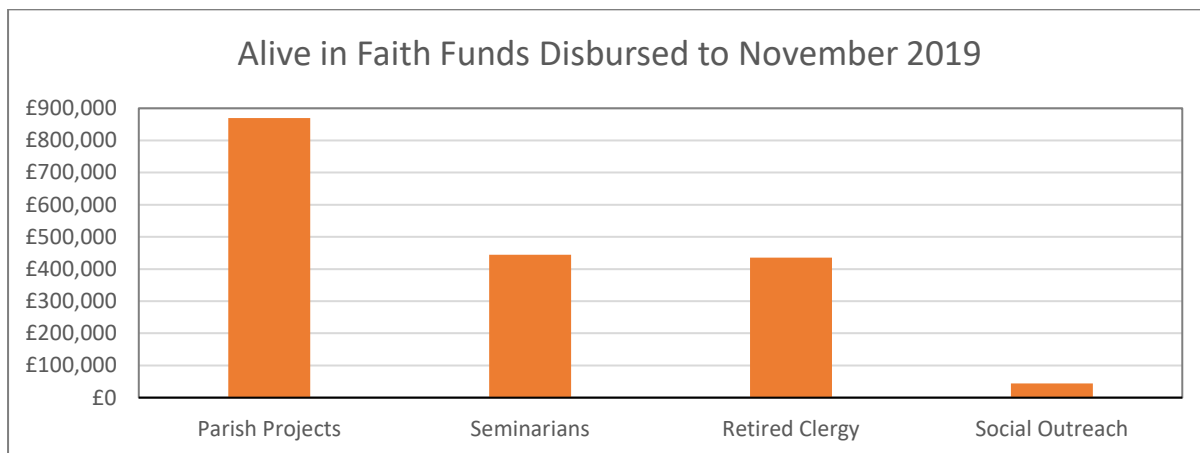




Your generosity towards the *Alive in Faith* campaign is having a really positive impact on the life of the Diocese and we are very grateful for your contribution. The total amount pledged by some 3,500 individuals stands at £6.3 million. Total income received so far is £4.4 million. Total expenditure to the end of November 2019 is some £1.8 million, which is divided across 4 priorities as shown in the graph.



Parish Projects

This photo (right) shows the 20 photovoltaic panels which were installed earlier this year on the roof of the parish and school hall at St Edmund's Parish and Primary School in Bungay, funded through *Alive in Faith*. They are expected to save £8,000 in electricity costs over 20 years.

A project with a different community focus is one supported by Aldeburgh and Leiston parish. Aldeburgh is blessed in having excellent ecumenical relations and the three local churches, Anglican, Baptist and Roman Catholic have worked together to help fund the work of a parish nurse for the town. Facilitated by Parish Nursing Ministries UK, a Christian charity which helps local churches appoint nurses. Ali Cherry, a Christian nurse, was appointed to work in Aldeburgh in 2013. Very quickly she proved herself as being accessible, available, and greatly appreciated by the local people

– many of whom are elderly and housebound. The Catholic community in Aldeburgh began to support Ali's work through second collections. The social outreach dimension of *Alive in Faith* seemed a marvellous opportunity to apply for a grant which would ease the problem of helping to fund her. An application for £5000 from *Alive in Faith* was successful. Ali is still employed by the local churches, and her ministry and witness is valued on a day to day basis.

Several urgent projects to repair parish buildings have been made possible by *Alive in Faith*. For example, Our Lady Immaculate & St. Etheldreda Church, Newmarket, had a pressing need to reline the high-level gutters. These were Finlock concrete gutters which, over time, are prone to leaking. In this case, the gutters were leaking badly. Worse still, the gutters were at high level. With the help of funds from *Alive in Faith* these essential repairs were successfully carried out. At St Mary's Church, Thetford, there was subsidence at both the east and west ends of the presbytery. This caused extensive movement in the corner walls which needed underpinning and bracing. In addition, all rainwater goods had to be replaced and internal walls and ceilings of the Presbytery had to be repaired. The parish decided that these significant repairs should be the focus of their parish project. This project, now successfully completed, was facilitated by the parish share of *Alive in Faith* Funds.

Retired Clergy

We have now completed the purchase of a retirement property in Beccles for Father Roger De Lacy-Spencer, who recently retired as parish priest at Southwold, after 40 years' priestly service to the Diocese.

Seminarians

We have been blessed with seven ordinations this year. A further six men continue their training for the priesthood, with the support of *Alive in Faith*.



Launch of Caritas East Anglia

The work of Caritas East Anglia was formally commissioned by Bishop Alan Hopes at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich at Mass on the World Day of the Poor. The Mass was followed by a special celebration lunch including people supported by St Martin's Housing Trust (pictured). Caritas East Anglia is the latest addition to the worldwide federation of Caritas Internationalis, which is the second biggest humanitarian organisation

in the world. The launch of Caritas East Anglia was coordinated by Jacinta Goode, the Caritas Development Worker, who is partly funded through *Alive in Faith*.

Social Outreach Grants

Examples of recent Social Outreach Grants include one to Emmaus, which has established a centre in Ditchingham, to assist ex-offenders and recovering addicts with their rehabilitation. Another grant went to support the Winter Night Shelter in Kings Lynn. Building on a parish project to support temporarily homeless people around Sheringham, another grant will help to fit out a house which is to be run by the St Vincent de Paul Society. If you, or an organisation you work with have a proposal for consideration, and the support of your parish priest, then please do apply for a grant. Grant application forms can be obtained from caritas@rcdea.org.uk

Electronic Newsletter

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Thank You for Your Continued Support

Thank you once again for your generosity, your support and your prayers, which are all making a genuine difference to the Diocese.