

## DEANERY CONFERENCE AND FESTIVAL APPEAL FOR FUNDS

The response from Parishes, Communities and individuals was very generous in 2015. A total of £4,259 was donated.

From this we were able to award 12 bursaries for adults, fund places for the five helpers of the children's programme, fund the children's programme and continue the subsidy for children's places. We were also able to contribute to the general conference fund which provided support for choir and interpreter services and, of course the accommodation and travelling expense of our two bishops. The surplus from the children's programme subsidy and bursary fund was in the order of £700 which will be carried forward.

The Deanery Conference and Festival was again a great success, with more people and children attending and with a good general feedback.

We have already received a pledge of £700 from the management of High Leigh towards conference expenses this year and we hope that in 2016 we will be able to meet all expenses without depleting the reserve fund.

To enable this, I ask you again to continue your generous support.

**Our appeal for 2016 is for £3500** to keep charges down, to continue the subsidy for children, to provide a children's programme and to continue a generous bursary scheme.

The Deanery, above all, seeks to be a community of love and mutual support. It is essential to the nature of the Conference, that everyone who wishes should be able to attend, regardless of financial status. Prices at the Pastoral Centre are fair, but are higher than many are able to afford. Hence, we have to raise a bursary fund to help them. It is also essential that families and children are able to attend without undue burden on family finances. Again the bursary fund and the subsidies outlined above are essential so that all age groups can be present.

**As we are a registered charity, we can reclaim Gift Aid.** If you are a UK taxpayer, and have paid enough Income or Capital Gains tax to cover the tax reclaimed, any donations you make can be increased by making a Gift Aid declaration. This adds 28% to your donation at no extra cost to yourself.

A specimen Gift Aid declaration for individual tax payers is appended.

Cheques should be made payable to **The Exarchate UK Deanery** with registered Charity Number 1164976 and sent to:

*Mr Barry Dryden, 4 High Main Drive, Bestwood Village, Nottingham, NG6 8YX*

Thank you for your generous support.

Fr. David on behalf of the Deanery Executive and the Organizing Team.

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**Gift Aid Declaration:** I am a UK taxpayer, and wish all **donations** I have made since April 2012 to be treated as Gift Aid

**Signature:**

**Date:**

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