

GRANTS FOR “A REST FROM DUTY”

THE ENGLISH CLERGY ASSOCIATION
BENEFIT FUND
(registered charity no. 258559)

From the Almoner

The Reverend Richard Hall writes:

Having served in parish ministry for over 30 years, I know about the stresses and strains that affect the clergy. The English Clergy Association can sometimes help by way of a grant towards a holiday. We know from the postcards and letters we receive how much our help has meant to the recipients. We are able to make in the order of 50 to 60 holiday grants a year. These grants are specifically for holidays, or rests from duty, for serving or retired clergy of the Church of England (as set out below).

Eligibility

The Association is able to make grants towards “a rest from duty” to those who are:

- (a) clergy of the Church of England, engaged in full time ministry or part time ministry in the Church; or
- (b) clergy engaged in some other employment, occupation or calling; or
- (c) clergy who have retired from ministry in the Church or from other employment, occupation or calling but who perform duties calculated to advance the work of the Church of England.

A request for an application form should be made either by letter or by e-mail:

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A note from the ECA Treasurer

You can now nominate the English Clergy Association Benefit Fund to receive all or part of any tax refund due to you. Please complete page CH2 of your Self Assessment Tax Return, entering code UAH88UG in box 5. If you are able to tick the Gift Aid declaration your donation will be augmented by a further 25%.

Thank-you postcards recently received

We are having a very relaxing and refreshing time on holiday in Exmouth. We are exceedingly grateful to the Association for the grant that has helped make this holiday possible. It's good to have a break from words like 'quota' etc. For a short while.

I am writing to let you know that I and my family had a refreshing holiday camping in France last month. The weather was mixed but the rest and change of scene most welcome.

The ECA holiday grant has made it possible for us to return to the UK for a family holiday. We cannot thank you enough for this blessing. It is six years since we moved from England and the first time we have been able to return to see friends and family.

Thank you and the ECA for your support of my trip to Tantur, Israel. This is proving to be the excellent educational programme that was hoped for.

Thank you so much for the opportunity we have to get away and enjoy a perfect rest in wonderful scenery. We have enjoyed some great walks and lovely sunshine. It is so peaceful—with today spent reading beside Ullswater, yesterday and tomorrow walking long walks on big hills. This is a real blessing.

We are all having a lovely time together here on Mull, enjoying the stunning scenery and wildlife. Thank you so much for your help making this break possible.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your most generous gift. This has enabled us to spend a week in France with our son, daughter-in-law, grandson and our daughter's parents — a real family holiday and a much needed break.

We are enjoying a wonderful family holiday on the French-Spanish border. We are feeling well rested already, with the boys enjoying swimming and snorkelling, while their parents take in the gorgeous scenery.

I have had to relinquish my duties owing to ill-health — the marvellous holiday that you made possible in St Ives was such a help and so much appreciated. This comes with a heartfelt THANKYOU and warmest good wishes.

Thanks to the generosity of the ECA, we have had a wonderful holiday on the Isle of Wight. It has been good to be able to get away together and to return refreshed!

Please accept this postcard with my heartfelt thanks to you and the ECA. The holiday grant I received has helped me to make my stay in Japan a truly memorable one!

Thank you so much for financial help towards our holiday...and for making it possible to spend time away together as a family.

We had a wonderful holiday in south Wales with our family, thank you. We visited a Roman amphitheatre in Caerleon, went on a forest drive and enjoyed swimming, flying kites and a pub lunch.

Many thanks for the grant towards our holiday here on the Island of Harris. Already feeling relaxed and enjoying the scenery. One mackerel caught so far for breakfast but midges are eating us alive.

My wife and daughter and I were very grateful for the holiday grant from the ECA which enabled us to spend a lovely week in Majorca earlier this month. It was sunny and quiet and a much needed break for us.

We have been holidaying in a caravan in the Isle of Wight... Our five children have enjoyed the beautiful scenery and the freedom to explore this lovely part of the world...Many thanks to the ECA; we have had a wonderful time.

I am writing to say a huge thank you to the ECA for the grant towards my holiday! I have had a very fun, refreshing time with my good friend and her lovely family. They have been such a blessing.

Thank you so much for helping to make this trip home possible. It is so good to see family and friends again after seven years in the UK and the Golden wedding celebration promises to be very special. All this would have been a real struggle without your help—thank you!

WILLS — Making a Donation in your Will

The Association and our Benefit Fund are helped greatly if there are legacies and bequests. By making a posthumous gift of money or property you may also reduce your estate's Inheritance Tax liability.

The options for a donation in your Will are:

- a legacy of a specific sum
- a bequest of specific property
- a bequest of the residue of your estate or a share of it with other charities or individuals

What to do to help us in your WILL:

If you wish to include a donation in your WILL please first consult your solicitor.

A simple form of legacy might include the following words:

“I hereby bequeath, free of tax, the sum of £
to the English Clergy Association Benefit Fund (Registered Charity No. 258559) OR to The English Clergy Association (The Old School, Norton Hawkfield, Bristol BS39 4HB) and the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer or other proper Officer for the time being of the English Clergy Association shall be a complete discharge of such legacy.”

This wording can easily be adapted to cover the bequest of a property or of all, or part of, the residue of your estate. In any case of doubt please ask your solicitor or get in touch with the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. This is especially appreciated if you intend to lay down conditions as to how the bequest should be used.