



# LMDC

Charity for Licensed Ministers  
in the Diocese of Chelmsford

## Our call for your help !

Clergy give a great deal - but sometimes *they* are the ones who need to be on the receiving end.

It can be so hard to cope with personal difficulties when you live and work at the heart of the community. The Vicarage doorbell continues to ring even when the clergy have problems of their own. Family and friends may be a long way off, since ordained ministers find themselves moving through a variety of parishes during the course of their working life.

Fortunately, help is at hand: the LMDC Charity offers an immediate response to the needs of hard-pressed clergy and their dependants.

Our Essex is the Essex of 1747, which means we continue to cover six London Boroughs as well as a little bit of what is now Cambridgeshire. Our reach is very broad - the single as well as the married, the self-financing as well as those on the Church Commissioners' payroll, the inner city as well as the rural clergy of this vast Diocese of Chelmsford.

Retired clergy and clergy widow(er)s also receive help, and substantial assistance is given to the holiday grant funds administered by the various Archdeacons. Emergency & compassionate grants offer help at times of sudden stress such as accident or illness.

Do you support this vital work, through your parish or as an individual donor? Each year the size of grants paid out is directly dependent upon the amount of giving received. To those who give increasing support to the Charity, our grateful thanks. To others, a request: that your Parochial Church Council reviews its response to the needs represented by the Essex Clergy Charity, with a view to maximising donations from all sources.

The inauguration of a new ministry is also a good opportunity to devote an offering to the Charity. ***In the absence of any other pressing need the Archdeacons commend that collections at inductions and other services of welcome should be directed towards the Essex Clergy Charity.***

In every Deanery the Charity hopes to have two representatives, one ordained and one a member of the laity. They will be pleased to receive donations and are able to speak about our work.

Equally any of our 3 volunteer officers can always be called upon to answer questions or provide a brief presentation during the course of a service, a meeting, or a fundraising event. Maybe you could help to organise a coffee morning, quiz night, wine & cheese or beer & skittles event? We would be delighted to hear from you!

Remember - the LMDC Charity is always close at hand. In cases of pressing financial need we have been known to respond within a matter of minutes, because we travel light and are not burdened by yards of red tape. Do help us to continue with what we have been quietly and effectively doing across the County of Essex for more than two hundred and sixty years. Our annual report explains all - copies are available on request from:

**The Revd Canon Martin Wood**  
**Hon Secretary ~ Essex Clergy Charity**  
**126, The Willows, Colchester CO2 8PZ**  
**01206 562343**  
**FrMartinWood@gmail.com**

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**GIFT AID** greatly magnifies the value of your donation. The LMDC Charity welcomes your instructions:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of \_\_\_\_\_ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to the LMDC Charity. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that Tax Year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please confirm the above declaration by ticking this box [ ] and adding details needed below to identify you as a current UK taxpayer – thank you!

Name & Address (including Postcode):

Signature & Date:

Please see notes overleaf and send this form with your donation to:

**Revd Canon Martin Wood**  
126 The Willows, Colchester CO2 8PZ

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- You change your name or home address;
- You no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

2) If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.



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*from East-of-LEA to Many-on-SEA;  
STUMP CROSS to TILBURY FERRY.*

When Moses arms grew weary,  
Aaron and Hur brought a stone and  
put it under him. They stood  
beside him and supported his  
outstretched arms, holding them  
steady until the end of the day.  
(Exodus 17:12)