

Local Secretaries' Information, Spring 2021



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Red Box 2020: Thank You!

In 2020, our community of <PARISH> raised £_____ through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in TOWN are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at missio.org.uk

Total 2020

The amount your parish raised in 2020 includes any amount you were able to bank from people's Red Boxes, along with any money your parishioners gave directly (e.g. online, by cheques sent to our office, or through direct debits). If you have a query about the total, please get in touch with us. If you email redbox@missio.org.uk we can look into it and get back to you. Or you can call us on 020 7821 9755. Please note, we will be on leave until 12 April, so there may be a short delay in getting back to you.

You can find information on how much each diocese and each parish raised by going to missio.org.uk/LS and downloading the file named **Missio and Red Box Annual Results per Diocese 2020**. If you would like a printed copy of your diocese's parish totals for 2020 sent to you, please contact us.

Thank You Poster

With many parishes remaining closed, and others not allowing literature to be left around due to COVID restrictions, we have decided not to send out the usual Thank You Posters displaying your parish name and the amount raised in 2020 on them. For this year, we have included a poster which you can put up in your parish offering various ways to support the Red Box.

If you would like a Thank You Poster with the amount your parish raised in 2020, please either email redbox@missio.org.uk, or call Dave/Theresa or the Eccleston Square office from 12 April onwards (we will be on leave during Easter week). Please state what church/parish name you want on the posters, and if you are a combined parish, which total you would like included, and we will print and send the poster(s) to you.

Northern Dioceses: Annual Return Form 2020 & Gift Aid Contributions 2020

Please use the Annual Return to update any details for your parish. If we have a Gift Aid Form for any of your Red Box holders, you will also have a Gift Aid Contributions list enclosed with their details on it. If you have not already told us about any donations they have made through the Red Box which you have banked in 2020, please tell us how much they have given so that we can claim the Gift Aid on these donations. Please return both forms to Red Box, PO Box 163, Liverpool L37 1WW. Thank you.

Local Secretary Online Training

If you would like to attend a **90-minute online training session** on the role of the Local Secretary, then please choose whichever one date suits you best (it is the same session, run 8 times over the year):

Thursdays at 6.30pm: 29 April, 24 June, 9 September, 11 November

Fridays at 10.30am: 30 April, 25 June, 10 September, 12 November

The sessions are particularly relevant for new Local Secretaries but are open to all: they provide an opportunity to meet other Local Secretaries, discuss Mission, share your thoughts and pick up new ideas. Email redbox@missio.org.uk to register, stating which date you wish to attend. Later in the year we hope to hold some training 'in person'.