

St Etheldreda's Bedford Trust

Supporting women's ministry in the Diocese of St Albans

Registered Charity Number 232849

Do you want to develop your ministry?

sabbaticals

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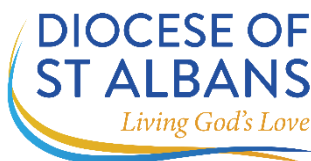
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**Could St Etheldreda's
Bedford Trust help you?**



St Etheldreda's 1869-1992

Sister Fanny was admitted as a deaconess at Ely Cathedral and began work in the parish of St Paul, Bedford. She gathered other women, who trained as deaconesses under the care of the Bishop, then worked by sewing for and nursing the poor and teaching those excluded from education. The work with children continued in Bromham Road, Bedford, which had various names, but was finally known far and wide as St Etheldreda's.

The work of residential caring for children grew and in 1933, when the Deaconess Community of St Andrew took over, it was the main feature of their work, though parish and mission work continued. In 1967 three of the CSA Sisters remained to continue the work which ended in 1984. They then moved to Conduit Road, Bedford where they continued to care for 'the family' and others until 1992. Sister Hazel, the remaining sister, continues her ministry of support from her home in Willen, near Milton Keynes.

The proceeds of the sale of the Bedford houses provided the capital for St Etheldreda's Trust and grants are funded from the annual income. The Community's other legacy is the example of outstanding and committed ministry by women.

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Who is it for?

It's for you if you are a woman who is ordained bishop, priest or deacon; an ordinand or a licensed lay minister. Any income not fully used each year may be used for the purpose of advancing work with children by eligible women ministers.

What do we offer?

We give grants for educational purposes and ministry development including:

- Spiritual Direction courses
- Ignatian retreats
- degrees in theology and spirituality
- counselling qualifications
- development conferences
- help with interview skills
- help towards fees and expenses for sabbatical leave
- placements here and abroad
- pilgrimages

Every application is considered on its merits, and grants are awarded depending on the number of applications and available income each year.

**‘I returned to the parish greatly
refreshed and with renewed
enthusiasm’**

What do you need to do?

The Trust usually meets in March, July, and November, and it is helpful if you put in your application at least a month beforehand. It can be sent by email or by post to the Secretary of the Trustees.

Guidance for your application

Whilst it is expected that an application will normally be made by an individual, in unusual circumstances it may be possible to consider an application from another body or person. In such a case the application must be for a project carried out by a qualifying person (see page 2 above).

Whilst the Trustees recognise that some applications may be for funding for a period longer than one year, the Trustees are unable to make a grant for a period longer than one year; they will however consider a further application for a grant towards the end of the first year of grant.

Please complete the application form provided giving as much information as you can to support your application. Please ensure that the name you give is the name your bank will recognise.

You will be advised of the result of your application soon after the Trustees meeting, and you will receive any funding by cheque in the post.

Please send your completed application form by post or email to:

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Please tell other women in ministry about St Etheldreda's. We want to support as many as possible.