

The reaction to TRIO can sometimes be 'shock-horror' This lasts only for a short while, because they are provided with an effective remedy- a response form of their own.

Is TRIO a long term solution?

No, it is the first step in a process. Consistent levels of giving, sufficient to meet the needs of the local church and beyond, can only be achieved with regular, effective, clear teaching on such themes as generosity, giving as response to God's love for us, and Christian attitudes to money, wealth and possessions. These form part of the discipleship programme which every church will want its membership to grasp and put into action in their daily lives. In addition, the church should focus on Stewardship/Christian giving as a major theme on at least one Sunday in the year.

How do we get started?

A TRIO adviser will come along to meet with your Finance Group and the PCC. The adviser will go through the Presentation Pack with those at the meetings. The material contains a step by step guide to everything you need to know in order to run a successful TRIO campaign.

The adviser will continue to be available throughout the time that the programme is running in your parish. The TRIO pack is available at £50:00.

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A PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE PARISH GIVING LEVELS

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What is TRIO?

It is a teach-in **to inform** the whole congregation about the finances of their church.

It is designed **to encourage** church members, once informed, to accept responsibility for the ministry, mission, and maintenance of the local church.

It also seeks **to ensure proper contributions** to the Diocese, the Church of England, and the wider world wide Anglican Communion.

It aims **to focus on money**, without apology or hesitation.

It does exactly what the title says: **to invite** the local church membership to say together, 'the responsibility is ours'.

For which church is TRIO designed?

- § Churches which have not previously run a Stewardship programme.
- § Churches which have not held a Stewardship programme for several years.
- § Those churches whose income in the year ahead looks unlikely to meet the demands of expenditure.

If your church fits one of those situations, then TRIO is for you.

To whom will TRIO speak?

The programme is designed to reach regular worshippers, (those who attend at least once a month), regular donors, and members of the Electoral Roll.

How long does it take to put TRIO into action?

The programme has been devised to be a tried and tested, simple, and effective first step to overcoming financial problems. It is also inexpensive to prepare, and is designed to reflect the local church life.

TRIO runs over three or four weeks, after the initial preparation by a small group and the PCC.

- Week 1.** TRIO presentation in church to the whole congregation during the main Sunday services.
- Week 2.** A guest preacher provides the theme on 'Christian giving and Christian life style.'
- Week 3.** Response Sunday, during which church members bring back the response forms given to them in Week 1.
- Week 4.** Thanksgiving Sunday. The Service theme is praise to God for the generosity of church members. Results of promises and pledges are announced.

WARNING

TRIO tackles the widespread myths about church finances. It is truthful about the current financial situation. It proves the reality that 20% of church members give 70% of the annual direct giving. It addresses the widespread ignorance among those beyond the PCC (and sometimes within), about why parishes need to generate such large levels of income.

It explains the myths and the truths in simple terms that people usually grasp. This may be a hard reality check for many people so be warned.