

### Funding opportunities

For any churches in East Sussex that are already running or contemplating Cinnamon Network Recognised Projects (CAP Job Club, Street Pastors, etc.), there is a new round of £2,000 grants available from the charitable trust of Andrews Estate Agents.

The grants are allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, with a preference for churches in East Sussex that fall within the catchment area of a branch of Andrews. There's a branch in Hastings, also ones in Horley and Tunbridge Wells – so churches in the east and north of the county are likely to be in with a good chance if they are already working with Cinnamon or are thinking of doing so.

[https://  
www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/  
act-micro-grants/](https://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/act-micro-grants/)

#### **The Henry Smith Charity County Grants**

Deadline: Rolling  
Grants of up to £20,000 for  
projects working with  
disadvantaged people and  
communities.

## Helping local families

### **Food poverty and health**

Take a look [here](#) at this [report](#) about food poverty and the relation to diet and health in Brighton. Even if you don't live in the area, this is a useful summary of the issues facing many families today. It has some useful stats and images that could help with planning services/ funding bids

### **Children's Society - Strengthening the Safety Net**

This campaign urges local authorities to ensure that, in a challenging economic climate, families facing financial crisis get the help they need when they need it.

There is an updated resource for churches and community groups. This comprises creative ideas and biblical inspiration for the whole congregation. It is suitable for talks, sermons, bible study and children's and youth activities.

[www.childrenssociety.org.uk/churchpack](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/churchpack)

### **Sussex Students' Union Volunteering Elective**

Are you a volunteer coordinator in Brighton, Hove or Lewes? Are you interested in engaging more students in your projects? Following the success of **Sussex Students' Union**'s first volunteering elective, more organisations are being sought to host student volunteers! University of Sussex students are committing to volunteering 30+ hours in the local community over approximately 2 to 2.5 months (autumn term runs from approximately November 2019 - January 2020). Students will receive 4 weeks of theoretical and practical workshops around community engagement and volunteering before starting to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for your organisation to receive a committed student volunteer.

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BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials grant fund community organisations who work young people. The grant fund is a very useful way for professionals to support the families that they work with by providing essential items for the home.

They can deliver or fund critical items such as:

- Cookers
- Essential household items
- Furniture and kitchen equipment
- Children's beds and bedding
- Washing machines
- Fridges and freezers
- Baby equipment
- Clothing

You can find more information [here](#) & **register as a referrer:**

## Your space. ....

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Do you have a community project or an activity you would like to share with other churches in Sussex? If so, do let Diane know.

To sign up as a host organisation, you will need to provide Sussex Students' Union with information regarding your volunteer roles and to complete a few safety checks with them. The deadline for signing up is Monday, 15 July with placement visits taking place in August. Please contact Hannah Woodin, Community Volunteering Coordinator, at [hannah.wd@sussexstudent.com](mailto:hannah.wd@sussexstudent.com) on 01273 678 641.

## Just Finance Foundation

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JFF have created the *Money First Aid Kit*, which is helping start conversations about debt and signposting people to support. This online tool aims to equip staff and volunteers in support services to signpost people experiencing financial troubles to the advice and help they need. It hosts resources, tips for talking about money and links to organisations that can offer advice. For quick access wherever you are, it can be saved to your phone, laptop or tablet. The idea is that this easy-to-use 'First Aid Kit' will enable a relational approach for those people who want to help but don't necessarily know where to direct friends, or those they meet in the course of their work, to find assistance. [Have a look here.](#)

## Dementia Inclusive Church

Liveability have recently released a new resource: '*Travelling Together: Dementia Inclusive Church Guide*'. This practical guide for churches is the result of listening to the stories of lived experience - both of challenge and hope - as they travelled around the country delivering Dementia Inclusive Church workshops.

It covers a range of practical responses to the challenge and opportunity of supporting those living with and affected by dementia, from an environment audit to considering the help that carers may value.

[Download the guide here.](#)

