

Church Accounting Software: In Partnership with Data Developments

FAQ's

Why is Durham Diocese supporting the rollout 'MyFundAccounting.Online' (MFA) and 'MyGiving.Online' (MGO)?

Data Developments will cease to support its desktop software My Finance Coordinator and Donations Coordinator at the end of 2026. Subscription charges were a deterrent to many PCCs looking at online solution so the DBF have approved financial support to cover the cost of licences initially for the first 12 months.

These systems will reduce the administrative burden and enable PCCs to meet their reporting requirements with ease. This is important as many parishes rely on volunteers with varying levels of financial expertise. All of this is designed to help parishes focus more on ministry and less on paperwork.

Do we have to sign up to 'MyFundAccounting.Online' (MFA) and 'MyGiving.Online' (MGO)?

The adoption of MFA and MGO is not mandatory, but it is impractical to continue to support custom spreadsheets, legacy systems and other software. These bespoke setups make troubleshooting and long-term compliance difficult for both the parish and the diocese to support. By using a recognised, widely adopted system we can better ensure parishes receive proper support and maintain strong, sustainable financial processes.

MyGiving.Online is a donations management system, designed specifically for churches to record, track, and manage all types of donations in one secure place. PCCs may want to use MGO to simplify Gift Aid claims and reduce admin tasks. You don't have to adopt MGO or MFA if you are happy with your existing processes.

How would this work if we are one parish with three churches?

It is important to determine whether your PCC **need** to report by church or collectively as a parish as licences are assigned by reporting entity through the Diocese. If there is a need for churches to report individually you will require multiple licences e.g. three churches would be three licences. PCCs will be able to consolidate at the click of a button for reporting requirements.

If we already use MFA can we be part of the Diocese scheme?

Yes. For those currently using MFA and MGO, please contact giving@durham.anglican.org with your User ID(s). We will confirm this ID with Data Developments systems. Data Development will make the switch in the background and cease to charge your PCC from an agreed date.

If we use Finance Co-Ordinator (and Donations Co-ordinator) – how can we move to MFA and MGO?

Yes. For those currently using the desktop versions you will need to email Data Developments a copy of your backup along with the names and email addresses of those people you wish to have access to the new system. Data Developments will complete everything else and email log in details out to the relevant people. Please also contact giving@durham.anglican.org with your name, email and parish and advise you wish to be part of the Diocese scheme.

Is my information secure with Data Developments systems?

Even under a diocesan scheme, others cannot see your information unless you choose to give them access. Your data remains private, and only users you add can view it. A Diocese would only see information you intentionally share (such as your annual Return of Parish Finance) or if you invite us to help with setup or support.

What training do you offer?

Face to face training session will be at Cuthbert House, 6th February 10am-4pm (lunch included) please bring a suitable laptop or tablet capable of connecting to the internet. We will connect to a demo account on the day.

What ongoing support is available?

Technical support is available direct from Data Developments once you sign up. Email sales@datadevelopments.co.uk or call 01902 714030 to get started or simply download a trial version [here](#).

We also have a Whatapp group, please contact giving@durham.anglican.org with a mobile number if you wish to be added to the group.