

## REFERENCE STIPEND April 2024 to March 2025.

At our BUS Council Meeting held on 12-13<sup>th</sup> March 2024, it was agreed that the reference stipend should increase to £31,500 (5% increase) plus manse or manse allowance.

The Manse Allowance for 2024 has been set at £7,612\* increasing in line with inflation.

Council also approved both the per capita figure remaining at £42 and the proposed budget for 2024/25.

## \* Manse Allowance

Please note that the manse allowance is set by the Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB) who emphasise that the manse value relates only to the calculation of Pensionable Income for the Baptist Pension Scheme. It is not intended to be a guide to the level of housing allowance to be paid to a minister in lieu of provision of a manse, which should be agreed between a church and minister based on the housing market in their area.