**Bath and Wells DBF Parish Share**

**Direct Debit Scheme**

# The advantages of paying by direct debit –

**To PCCs** 1. No cheque to draw, no letters to write and no postage

2. For those who already pay by direct debit, no need to

 complete new mandates each year.

3. Assurance that the correct amount of Parish Share has

 been paid on time

4. Lower bank charges.

**To the Board** 1. A regular and certain cash flow. This is very important if

 the Board is to meet its monthly outgoings without

 recourse to the bank overdraft facilities.

 2. Lower bank charges.

# The Scheme

The PCC signs a direct debit mandate giving authority to the Board to collect agreed parish share collections direct from its bank or building society current account. The Board will provide the PCC Treasurer with a schedule detailing the amount to be collected at least 20 days in advance of the first due date.

# Control

Some Treasurers are reluctant to use direct debit because they feel they are relinquishing control over PCC funds. This is not the case. As the guarantee states, a direct debit can be cancelled at any time by a letter to its bank with a copy to the Board.