

The Parish Housekeeping Bill

i.e. Normal running costs

To paraphrase Dickens in David Copperfield...

Annual income twenty pounds, annual
expenditure nineteen pounds, result
HAPPINESS.



Annual income twenty pounds, annual
expenditure twenty one pounds, result
MISERY.



In our parish in 2017

Annual Income	£108,259
Annual Expenditure	£118,586

It's looking just as bad in 2018!

***If we value what this parish provides,
both to us as members of this church
family and to the community in which we
live, we need to work together to turn
the financial picture from one of
'misery' to one of 'happiness'***

Some more facts and figures

Some additional income is raised from fees for weddings and funerals etc. The Church Commissioners don't contribute to parish expenses any more - it's all down to local congregations!

The Planned Giving scheme has 121 contributors, using either standing orders or weekly envelopes. Their donations range from **£1** per week to **£50** per week. The total income (including Gift Aid) from planned giving in 2017 works out to an average of **£10.77** per week per contributor. The remainder of our voluntary income comes from collections at services and one-off donations.

About **200** individuals are in fairly regular contact with the Church. The weekly voluntary giving overall in 2017 was **£1,567** (which equates to 200 people giving **£7.83** per week). To cover 2017 expenses our income needed to be **£2,280** which is 200 people each giving **£11.40** per week.

In 2014 (the latest figures available) the average gift aided weekly donation in the Diocese was around **£15** per week and the average overall voluntary giving was **£13.20** per week.

At **£7.83** per week our average giving is a long way below the **£13.20** Diocesan average!!

Why is our giving so much lower?

For some this is because we can't afford more, for others it may be that we've never appreciated that the church needed this kind of money to keep the show on the road. Some tax payers may not be gift aiding their donations! Others are no longer tax payers and can't therefore continue to gift aid.

Expenditure

The PCC remains vigilant about cutting costs wherever possible but the scope for reducing our expenditure further is limited. If you are in doubt about where the money goes, have a look at the information in the 'Does It Add Up' leaflet.

How can YOU help?

- Join the Planned Giving scheme - preferably by making a standing order with your bank, or by taking the weekly envelopes for regular cash/cheque donations?

Planned giving helps the Treasurer to budget carefully so that we don't have to borrow to pay bills on time.

- If you are a tax payer (through salary, pension or otherwise) and haven't already done so, consider *giftaid it* making a gift aid declaration? We are then be able to claim the tax back from HMRC on your donations, currently 25p for every pound you give. Please pick up a gift aid leaflet

from the back of church if you want more information. If you have already made a gift aid declaration in respect of your regular giving, please also make sure that you let us know when you make one-off donations so that we can claim the tax back from that too.

- Consider increasing your donation? Diocesan guidance suggests that we EACH aim to give 5% of our disposable income (5p in every £1.00). If you feel unable to do that all in one go, perhaps you could try aiming towards that target by giving a bit more than you do now, and giving every week, not just when you come to church!
- Consider whether you could offer some time or ideas to help with fundraising efforts?



In these difficult financial times we know that asking you to help more in balancing the books is tough, but together we believe that we can free ourselves from worrying about paying the bills and concentrate more on investing in the real mission of the church.

THANK YOU for ALL your Gifts