



ST JOHN'S, SOUTHBOURNE

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GIVING & STEWARDSHIP

When it comes to money, Jesus was never embarrassed to talk about it. His message was profound and often challenging - trust God with all you have, and for all you need, and you will enjoy the freedom of living for him and not for money.

This booklet gives an overview of our income and costs, so that we are transparent with our finances. For more detail, please speak to Ian Maclennan (PCC treasurer) for a copy of the accounts from our most recent Annual Meeting.

We ask all members of the Church prayerfully to consider what is right and appropriate to give to the ministry of our Church, and this will depend on each person's circumstances. It's helpful for our Treasurer if you can give through the Parish Giving Scheme - details are on the back page of this booklet.

All the money we have comes from us, we don't receive any central funding and we pay our Parish Share to the Diocese for ministry and associated costs. More details of our spending, and how the Diocese allocates the Parish Share are inside.

Thank you to everyone who gives to the ministry of our Church in all sorts of ways, including financially. As we trust God to provide we can use these gifts so that together, we make Jesus known. On behalf of the PCC, thank you.

Tom and Ian

2022 - The money we gave and how it was spent

	Average per week
INCOME	
Donations	£ 2,845
Grants - restricted use	£ 743
Other Activities	£ 162
Investments	£ 25
Other Income	£ 183
TOTAL	£ 3,958
EXPENDITURE	
Parish Share (ministry)	£ 1,480
Salaries	£ 684
Maintenance & repairs	£ 1,058
Church running costs	£ 194
Mission & Love Southbourne	£ 163
Office & Administration	£ 146
Family & Youth Ministry	£ 90
Clergy & Other expenses	£ 85
Other costs	£ 150
TOTAL	£ 4,050

*Thank!
You!*

To balance the books we need to receive slightly over £ 4,000 per week.

Right now 66 regular donors give an average of £31.32 per week each.

If you don't give now, would you consider joining us? We would love you to enjoy the grace of giving!

USING THE GIFTS WE'RE GIVEN FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL

The money we give is prayerfully allocated by our PCC with the aim of sharing the Good News of Jesus and building up God's people in our church family. It pays for practical items such as repairs, ministry costs including clergy (our parish share), youth ministers and more. We give to other Christian missions and, as we faithfully make our offering, we trust the Lord to use it for the coming of his Kingdom in Southbourne and around the world.

Information from Chichester Diocese on the Parish Share

“In the New Testament we hear how members of the earliest churches gave generously, each according to their ability, towards the work of the wider Christian community. In a similar way the Church of England today relies on the generosity of its members to fund its ministry and mission. Individuals give to their local church; the PCC makes a financial contribution to the Diocese; in turn the Diocese pays and houses our parish clergy and provides other services.”

Parish Share enables the Diocese of Chichester to fund:

- clergy stipends, National Insurance and pension
- clergy housing
- training for clergy, ordinands and lay people
- support for parishes such as safeguarding, buildings advice and much more.

Approximately 20% of the Diocese's income comes from investment funds, fees and grants. The rest comes from Parish Share. Approximately 80% of the Diocese's expenditure is spent on the direct costs of resourcing ministry – the same proportion as income from parishes!

Many PCCs cannot pay as much as the average, so the system relies on those who can giving a little bit more to support the cost of deploying clergy in less affluent areas.

(From ‘Information on Parish Share’ on Chichester Diocese website)

Mission and Charity Giving

Every year we support our partner Christian missions and charities locally and around the world. In 2023 we are giving £10,000 to support the ministry of:

- 2 Serve Trust
- BEATS
- Callum & Rianne Adams
- Chichester Family Support
- Concordis (Peter Marsden)
- Education West Africa
- Emmanuel International
- Frontiers (Michael Marsden)
- Japan Christian Link
- SIM - Steven & Jo Wheatley
- YWAM - Eric & Rachel Mende
- (And more through other fundraising)

Ways to Give

Giving regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is the most helpful method for our Treasurer. The PGS is a secure and simple way of giving to St John's on a regular basis. It takes a Debit from your bank account on the 1st of the month, which is credited to our parish bank account by the 10th of the month. If eligible, you can opt to add Gift Aid and PGS claims this on our behalf, passing it back to St John's which benefits our cash flow.

This can be done online:

stjohnssouthbourne.com/information/giving/

Or by phone: 0333 002 1271.

Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm

Or scanning this QR code on your phone:



Links and more information

More about giving, including one-off donations is online at:

stjohnssouthbourne.com/information/giving/

For more on the Diocese and Parish Share go to:

www.chichester.anglican.org/parish-share/