

THANKYOU to all who give so generously to God's work here at St Peter's. Your giving enables a huge amount of ministry, care, young peoples work, evangelism and outreach , as together we seek to Love God and make his love known in the community around us in Westfield and further a field in the world. Thank you.

How to review your giving

- Pray for God's guidance, giving thanks for all he has given you and acknowledging that all you have is really his.
- Work out your current take-home income (salary, pension, benefits etc)
- What percentage of your income are you giving to the work at St Peters
- Would you be able to increase your giving? Or perhaps you need to decrease this year. And if you pay tax, do you Gift Aid your giving to the church?
- Could you consider giving a regular amount by Standing order ? This really helps us to budget.

Please don't hesitate to ask for help or information

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St Peter's Church Westfield



BUILDING A GIVING CHURCH

How your giving enables St. Peter's to share the love of Jesus with Westfield.

*Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9 : 6 –8*

“The best decision anyone can make, is to become a follower of Jesus Christ” (Justin Welby)

St. Peters church exists on Westfield to make Jesus known, and to share the love of God with our community. We aim to be a church built around the 7 values of worship, prayer, service, hospitality, availability, learning and deciding together.

We do that through worship, prayer, work with young and old, and through our ministry through the Community Centre. To do all that, we also have to pay the bills. Here is a summary of our ‘**General Fund**’, the basic running costs of St Peters Church.

Budget 2020 £	Actual 2020 £	<u>Income</u>	Budget 2021 £
11,205	13,272	Standing Orders & Envelopes	14,188
3,915	1,804	Loose Plate Collections	2,520
3,319	4,102	Gift Aid Tax Collected for the year	2,896
800	5,548	General Donations	500
200	0	Hire of Church Income	200
2,438	424	Other income and Fundraising	1,160
21,877	25,150	Total Income	21,464
		<u>Expenditure</u>	
13,070	13,031	Parish Share - paid to the Diocese	14,985
3,424	1,919	St. Peters running costs	2,159
2,000	2,521	Church Repairs and Equipment	2,300
1,200	1,200	Parish Expenses, paid to St. James'	1,560
1,105	805	Mission and Charity Giving	1,185
1,400	473	Children's & Youth Activities	600
22,199	19,949	Total Expenditure	22,789
-322	5,201		(1,325)

This does not include designated funds like this years ‘redecorating fund’. We had a marvellous response to our Gift day, and £12,341 was raised for this fund. We then spent £14,147 on new heating, flooring, and redecoration. We are left with a balance in that fund of £4,499, and discussions are now under way as to computers, sound and streaming equipment needed.

St Peters Community Centre, although part of the parish accounts, is run as a separate restricted fund.

So, the ‘General Fund’, is basically the actual church running fund and our aim is to break even.

What do we spend the money on?

Our ‘**Parish Share**’, - Paid to the Diocese this is our biggest cost and covers clergy salary pensions and housing costs. The Parish Share supports the training of new clergy and contributes towards the cost of running the Diocesan office in Wells, who support us in all sorts of ways (legal, finance, advice, child protection). Parish share alone, works out at about **£7.00** per week for every regular church member at St Peters.

Church Running costs, - covering heating and Lighting costs, general repairs and cleaning, church supplies, music licences and refreshments.

Parish expenses, - St. Peters contribution to parish costs – e.g. clergy expenses, the parish office, youth worker, children and family’s worker.

Mission, - Our policy at St Peters is to give generously to charity and mission work. We support a selection of overseas, National and local charities. We aim to give away at least 5% of our income each year.

Children's and youth Activities & Youth worker - This covers the running costs of Tea and Toast and Messy Church.

The Year Ahead.

This next year will be a challenge for us at St Peters. With all the ‘covid’ problems this year has bought us, our parish share has still gone up by 15%. Even without investing in mission, children or youth it costs over £20,000 a year to just run St. Peters, about £400 per week.

With our new community hall in place, what a great opportunity we have for ‘outreach’ into our community, and to share the love of our Lord with all around us . Exciting times!