



### Please ask yourself and consider -

- \* How am I using my time, talents and treasure to glorify God and benefit my parish community?
- \* Does my financial contribution to the parish reconcile my means with its needs?
- \* Do I give regularly, using a standing order or weekly envelopes?
- \* Do I give efficiently, using Gift Aid if I pay UK tax, to ensure that my parish gets the most out of my contributions?

**Next week you will be able to find out more and sign up.  
However you decide to help, we are grateful so thank you!**

If you have any questions, please ask a volunteer after Mass or contact:

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**WEEK 2**

# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH COCKFOSTERS



## OUR PARISH OUR RESPONSIBILITY

*"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." - 1 John 3:17-18*

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Our parish is a gift we have received from those who went before us. As Stewards of this parish, what will be our legacy to future generations? We need to cover costs as well as ensure our parish continues to grow and develop its mission of reaching out with the message of God's infinite love. **We do not receive external funding from the State or the Vatican, so everything that each one of us does makes a difference.**

### So what goes into running our parish each year?

Regular Income 2017		Regular Expenditure 2017	
Offertory (loose cash)	£28,800	Parish ministry costs	£32,500
Offertory (envelope)	£26,600	Liturgical costs	£5,300
Offertory (standing orders)	£46,900	Parish administration	£56,300
Tax recovered with Gift Aid	£17,400	Contribution to the Diocese	£35,400
Parish activities, Catechetics, specific donations, offerings	£29,100	Parish activities, Catechetics, donations & grants	£6,700
Parish centre revenue	£35,300	Running costs & repairs	£52,900
Repository, paper & candles	£10,900	Repository, paper & candles	£4,600
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£195,000</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£193,700</b>
<b>Savings Rate in 2017 was 1% (recommended 20% minimum)</b>			

So it costs about £3,750 per week to run our parish, even when we cannot be at Mass ourselves.

We also have plans! The major upcoming project is to renovate our church to better serve this parish community for the glory of God. Other key projects are to install a video sound system for better proclamation of our mission and ministry, and to make the entrance hall a welcoming space and improve the parish office.

### Thanks to your support we have already:

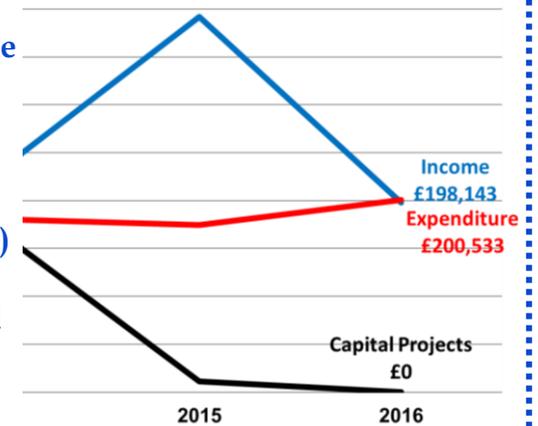
1. Conducted important building repairs to ensure we continue to stand for future generations.
2. Regained the use of Manus Dominus.

**Thank you!**

### But did you also know that...

Our offertory collections are our primary source of income and so need to keep up with rising costs and inflation.

We also need to set aside an annual surplus (20% income) to ensure our parish stays in good physical condition and we can continue to expand parish ministry initiatives.



### Gift Aiding your donations is easy, doesn't cost you a penny and makes a real difference to our parish

Please sign up next week if you are a UK Taxpayer. Last year just 48% of donations were Gift aided, with 155 out of 418 parishioners signed up - we are missing up to £14,769 in Gift Aid returns. **Gift Aid means we can reclaim from HMRC the tax you have already paid on your donation - 25p back for every £1!**

### Please consider making your offertory contribution by standing order

Many parishioners find it more convenient and budget friendly to give regularly by standing order. Regular giving provides our parish with consistent, reliable funding, allowing us to plan ahead. It is regular, secure giving that is not hard work to count, record, bank and process, compared to cash and envelope giving.

METHODS OF GIVING  
AS % OF TOTAL 2017 OFFERTORY



To start, simply bring your bank details next week.

If you are already giving by standing order, when did you last update the amount? You will be able to do this next week, simply bring your bank details.