



Please reflect upon the following:

- * 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:

- Sign up to Gift Aid your donations if you pay UK tax.
- Make your offering by Standing Order (you will need your debit card)
- Review & renew the amount you currently give.
- Sign up for volunteering.

However you decide to help, we are grateful.

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

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WEEK 2

ST AUGUSTINE HODDESDON



OUR PARISH OUR RESPONSIBILITY

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
- 1 Peter 4:10

Our Parish of St Augustine

has a rich history as the spiritual centre in the lives of many. As Stewards responsible for the gifts received from God, we must look after our beautiful church & pass it on to future generations in excellent condition.



Like any household, our parish has to:

- Cover day-to-day running costs.
- Pay for building costs & repairs.
- Support Parish Programmes and Projects.
- Save 20% of our income for emergency repairs & future projects.

How we operated in 2019 – numbers rounded to nearest 100.

Income		Expenditure	
Offertories Envelopes	£25,800	Parish Ministry*	£14,900
Offertories SOS	£21,700	Heat, Light, Water & Council Tax & Insurance	£13,900
Offertories Loose Plate	£19,400	Contribution to the Diocese	£29,800
Tax Refunds	£12,700	Parish administration	£32,000
General Donations & Fund Raising, Specific donations	£5,300	Donation & grants	£4,300
Christmas/Easter Offerings, Stipends, Fees	£15,300	Liturgical Expense	£5,200
Parish Activities & Catechetics	£11,100	Parish activities & Catechetics	£11,200
Repository, paper & candles	£8,000	Repository, paper & candles	£4,700
Board & Lodging	£1,800	Property repairs and renewals	£14,400
Total:	£121,100	Total:	£130,400
(£) Deficit 2019:	£9,300	(%) Deficit 2019:	-8%

*Includes travel expenses, clergy stipends, supply priests, deanery expenses

Thanks to your support, our Church, Presbytery and crypt hall are in good condition, our having spent £93k in the four years 2016-19 on necessary repairs, maintenance and refurbishment (including the major refit of the crypt-hall kitchen in 2018). Other major expenditure awaits, with regard to further upgrade of our crypt flooring, flash-flood protection, and care for our grounds and trees. Additionally we still have plans to seek a paid worker to assist in the spiritual life of the parish.

But did you know that...

Our offertory collections have dropped 18% since 2015!

(That is £14,700 less in income in 2018 than in 2015)

TOTAL OFFERTORY MOVEMENT



Gift Aid is easy to do, doesn't cost you a penny and helps our parish!

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- 74% of donations were Gift Aided in 2019 – if all donations were Gift Aided the parish would receive an extra £4,600 from Gift Aid returns.
- Last year, 194 (40%) out of 490 parishioners Gift Aided.
- If you pay UK income or capital gains tax please sign up to Gift Aid.

Gift Aid allows us to receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate!

Standing Order is the best way to support our parish!

This provides secure, regular income that is easy to Gift Aid & costs less time & money to process than envelope & loose plate.

Sign up next week – all you need is your account number & sort code.

Methods of Giving as % Total Offertory 2019

