

Church of
St Luke,
Pinner



Week Two: OUR PARISH, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

“serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” - 1 Peter 4:10

Looking to the future with confidence

Thank you for reading last week's first leaflet for our Planned Giving Campaign. Father Vincent highlighted three areas where there are financial challenges ahead and which are the main focus of our Finance Committee.

1) The day-to-day operation of the parish that nurtures our faith and our community

- Prudent financial management requires that our income covers our operating expenditures and contributes to building our financial reserves. Currently our income does not cover our operating expenditures (see below).
- Only when income exceeds operating expenditures can we sustain, and even enhance, our pastoral activities, including sacramental preparation and additional social activities to build our parish community (e.g. pilgrimages, youth initiatives and other ideas raised at last year's AGM).

2) Maintenance, repair and enhancements to our parish property

- Planned and unplanned expenditures on maintaining and repairing our parish buildings over the past 2 years (totalling £228,000) have significantly reduced our financial reserves. These reserves are forecast to be less than £100,000 by the end of 2026 (excluding proceeds from a legacy, the amount and timing of which is uncertain).
- Over the next 2 years we anticipate exceptional expenditures (as much as £150,000) to repair our church flooring and to refurbish our church organ (see #3 below).
- Such expenditures are well outside our normal provisioning for the upkeep of our property. They are a long-term investment to prolong the useful life of our parish property and therefore would normally be funded out of our financial reserves.

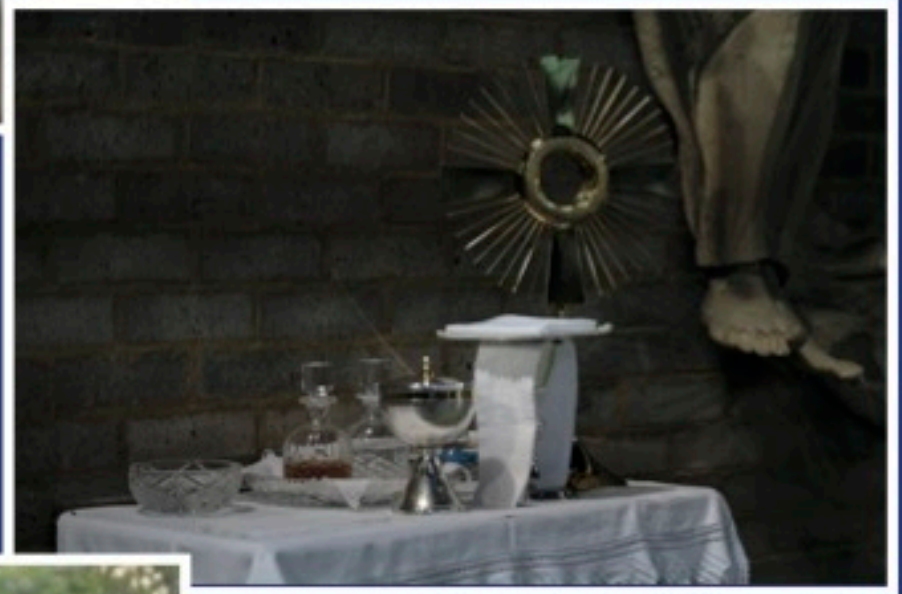
3) Being a generous and welcoming parish to the wider community

- Our church organ was last refurbished over 25 years ago and again requires major refurbishment within the next two years, so that it can continue to contribute to our beautiful liturgies and be available to welcome our community for musical events in the church.
- From time-to-time we invite the wider community into our facilities (e.g. PAC), therefore their upkeep is important. Well maintained facilities also provide significant rental income.
- As well, St Luke's has donated to organisations in Pinner and beyond, funded out of our income.

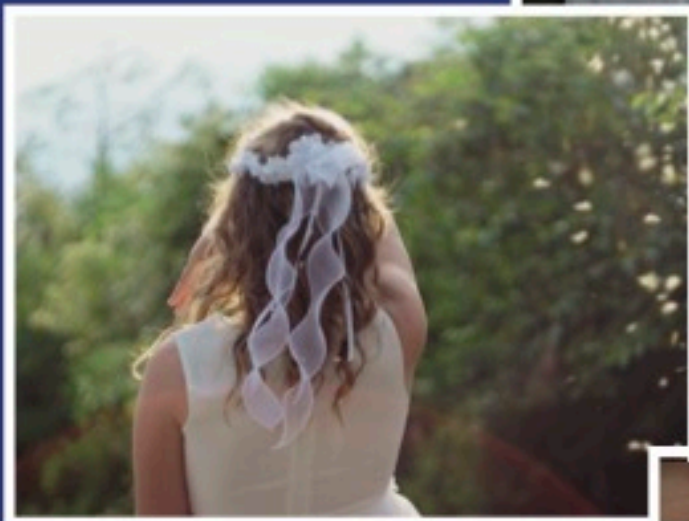


**DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR
GENEROSITY ENABLED US...**

**...To be blessed in
conducting weddings in our
church**



**...To witness 78 children and
adults to embrace the Faith
through First Communions
and confirmations in 2024
and 2025**



**...To baptise 35 children
and adults over the past
2 years as we welcome
people to our church, and
into the Catholic Faith**



Our Parish has a rich history as the spiritual centre in the lives of many.

To maintain the beauty and heart of our parish, here are some considerations which are helpful to be aware of...

- Day-to-day running costs
- Building costs & repairs
- Support for parish programmes & projects
- Recommend saving a minimum of 20% of income received for emergency repairs

As Stewards responsible for the gifts received from God, we can come together to help look after our beautiful church & pass it on to future generations so that they can enjoy and benefit from its beauty.

TOTAL OPERATIONAL INCOME			TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE		
Standing Orders	£82,640	33%	Parish Ministry	£116,924	28%
Envelopes	£10,878	4%	Diocese Contribution	£75,516	18%
Loose Plate Donations	£27,977	11%	Donations	£17,849	4%
Contactless	£5,961	2%	Liturgical	£10,218	2%
Gift Aid	£26,179	11%	Candles, Repos & Paper	£2,864	1%
Donations	£26,475	11%	Parish Activities	£9,030	2%
Candles, Repos & Paper	£10,587	4%	Property	£136,140	33%
Parish Activities	£8,320	3%	Utilities	£14,102	3%
Property Income	£37,416	15%	Council Tax, Insurance	£9,300	2%
Other income	£12,480	5%	Admin & Other	£20,394	5%
Total	£248,911		Total	£412,336	
(£) Savings 2025:	-£163,425		(%) Savings Rate 2025:	-66%	

Why maintenance of our parish property matters...

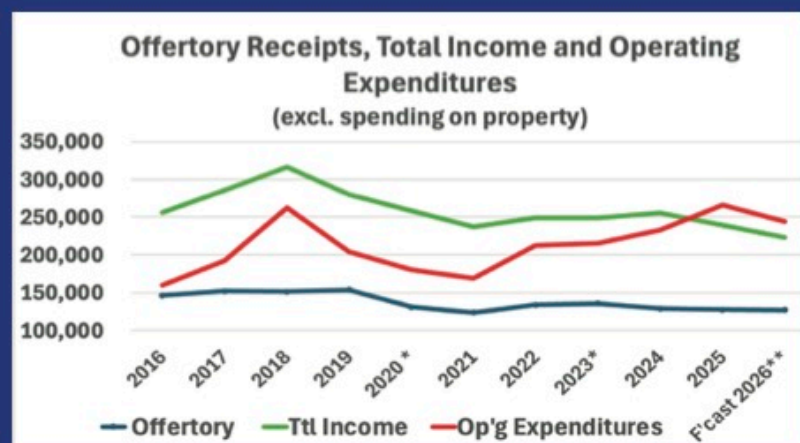
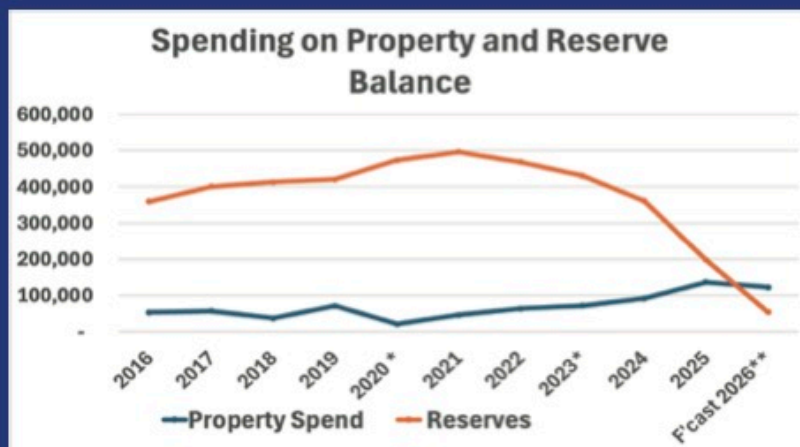
Our beautiful parish property enriches our worship - We look after this property not only for ourselves and our Pinner community, but also for future generations. We are also developing sustainable cost savings through energy self-sufficiency.

Major expenditures on property in 2024 and 2025 include:

- Flat Roofs on Church - £57,800
- Installation of solar panels and battery - £30,000
- Parish Centre fire escape - £9,900
- Repointing of brickwork on front of church – £8,300
- Painting and alarm works for Parish Centre – £7,000

Major property expenditures planned in 2026 and 2027:

- Repair of church floor – estimated £70,000
- Refurbishment of the church organ - estimated £70,000



* - delayed Gift Aid receipts in 2020 and 2023 applied to previous years
 ** - Forecast 2026 - Assumes no increase in Offeritory income and does not reflect proceeds from legacy

A photograph of a church altar. The background wall is composed of a grid of blue and gold panels, each featuring a diamond or square pattern. In the center, a large, ornate crucifix is mounted on a gold background. The crucifix depicts Jesus on the cross, flanked by two angels. Above the cross is a crown, and below it is a shield with a cross. In front of the altar, there is a white table with a gold cloth, two small red flowers in gold vases, and a white chair. The ceiling is also visible, featuring a grid of blue and gold panels with a central cross.

**DID YOU
KNOW...**

**If everyone that can GiftAid did
so, we would at no cost to you,
raise thousands extra per year!**

Our Offertory income: How we resource our church



The graph above shows the fluctuation of offertory collections since 2018.

GiftAid is easy to do, it doesn't cost you a penny and helps the parish even further!

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- ***57% of donations were GiftAided in 2024.***
- ***In 2024, 205 out of 480 parishioners Gift Aided.***
- ***If you pay UK income tax, you are able to sign up to GiftAid.***
- ***GiftAid allows us to receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate!***

Please ask if you have any questions about GiftAid!

Giving efficiently: Why Standing Orders are so helpful

- Improves the regularity and consistency of church income
- Saves the parish time and money spent counting and banking cash loose plate donations
- Helps us to budget and manage our finances more effectively, and bank statements provide an independent audit trail for the Inland Revenue



Please take this leaflet away with you

***If you have any questions,
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