



27 July 2014

Dear Parishioners

### Parish Finances

Our parish achieved a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,742 during the last six months thanks to your generous response to our planned giving appeal earlier this year. As a result of that appeal, offertory income in the second quarter was 17% higher than in the same period last year and there was £2,880 in the general fund on 30 June 2014.

Since 1 January, your donations to the building and maintenance fund enabled us to pay the final architect's bill and pay for the extension of the fire alarm system and extinguishers for the parish office, a total cost of £2,967. However, a recent health and safety survey identified the need for further expenditure on the parish buildings in order to meet the requirements of legislation and our insurers and that work together with other much needed improvements will continue to place demands on the fund.

Later this year we shall receive over £8,000 of gift aid from HM Revenue in respect of the 2013/14 tax year which is a much needed contribution to parish funds. Whilst I appreciate that not everyone pays income tax, if you do, but have not signed a gift aid form, then please ask me for one.

Yours sincerely

Parish Priest

### Summary accounts – Six months ended 30 June 2014

#### Receipts

#### Payments

*6 months to 30 June:*
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	2014	2013		2014	2013
	£	£		£	£
Offertory standing orders	9,993	8,127	Clergy & youth worker	6,426	9,196
Offertory envelopes	7,943	6,602	Diocesan assessment	7,219	6,363
Offertory loose plate	4,914	5,540	Repairs and maintenance	5,289	5,203
	<u>22,850</u>	<u>20,269</u>	Heat, light & water	4,622	5,302
Parish hall receipts	5,818	3,141	Council tax & insurance	534	538
Stipends	2,281	1,589	Liturgical & catechetical	1,135	1,347
Candles, repository, papers	1,354	1,527	Candles, repository, papers	467	1,639
Interest	5	11	Office and administration	1,646	1,077
			Parish activities	3,228	140
Total	<u>32,308</u>	<u>26,537</u>		<u>30,566</u>	<u>30,805</u>
Deficit		4,268	Surplus	1,742	
	<u>32,308</u>	<u>30,805</u>		<u>32,308</u>	<u>30,805</u>

## General fund

	6 months to 30 June:	
	2014	2013
	£	£
Opening balance	1,138	5,591
Surplus/ (deficit)	1,742	(4,268)
Closing balance	<u>2,880</u>	<u>1,323</u>

## Building & maintenance fund

	6 months to 30 June:	
	2014	2013
	£	£
Opening balance	269	0
Donations	2,698	3,515
Final architect's fee and fire alarm and extinguishers for the parish office	(2,967)	(2,754)
Closing balance	<u>0</u>	<u>761</u>

## Special collections and other donations

	6 months to 30 June:	
	2014	2013
	£	£
Priests' Training Fund	279	10,489
CAFOD	533	2,776
Missionary Sisters	479	0
Holy Places	292	257
Catholic Children's Society	221	12
Lenten Arms	164	402
St Anthony's Bread	46	84
Newman School (Uganda)	0	1,952
The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers)	0	590
Pax Christi	0	5
	<u>2,014</u>	<u>16,567</u>

In addition to the above, you donated over £6,000 to Growing in Faith during the last six months of which the parish will receive £1,200 towards the cost of future projects.