

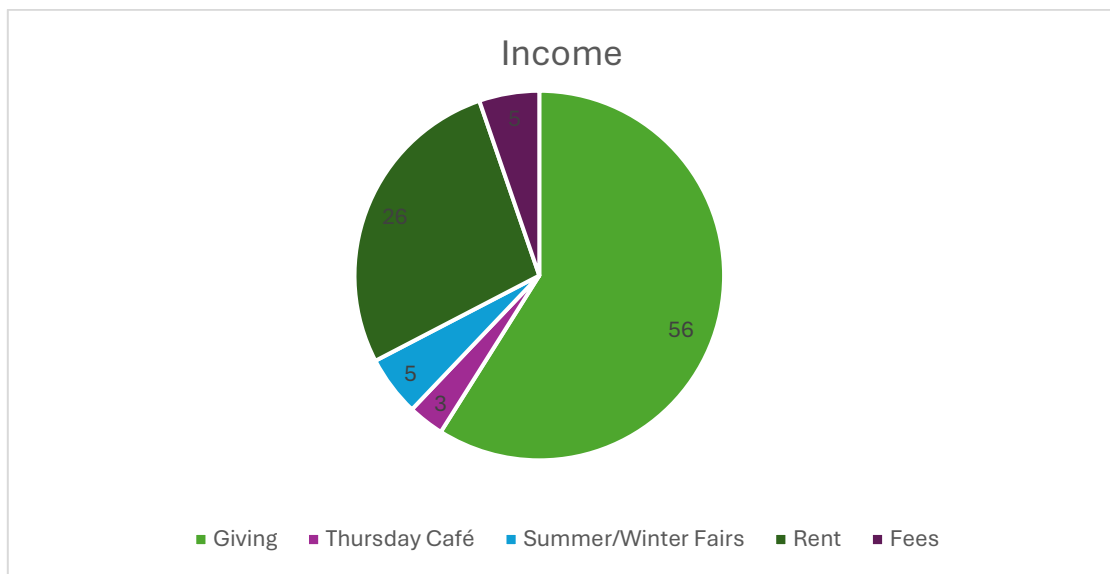


St John's Brooklands

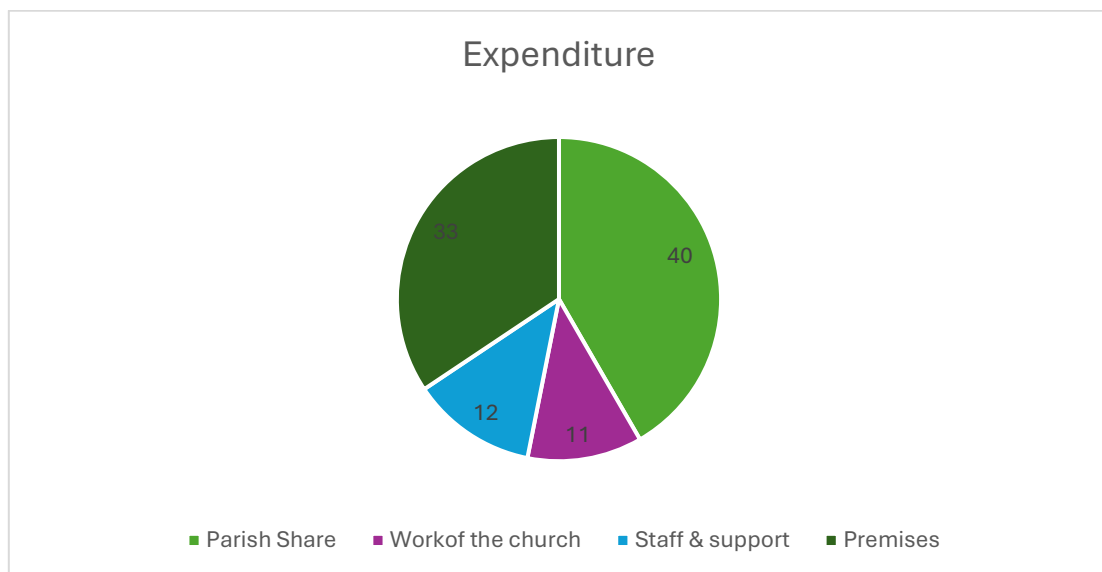
Extending God's welcome to everyone

Stewardship Sunday 2024

Where does our money come from?



Where does our money go?



How much does it cost to run St John's?

Between 1st January and 30th September 2024, it has cost **£65,956** to run the parish.

This equates to...

- **£5,496** per month
- **£1,268** per week
- **£32** per person per week.

Parish Share¹

Your parish's finances are closely linked with those of the diocese and the national church. It is because of the generosity of individuals and our parishes, that we have been able to continue our work together across Manchester Diocese - reaching out to new people, developing our spiritual lives and serving our local communities.

Our parishes contribute to the work of the diocese by giving Parish Share. Most importantly, Parish Share helps cover the costs of the clergy in our diocese – their stipend and housing costs as well as national insurance and pension contributions. Those parishes which can afford it, are asked to make larger contributions to help pay for clergy costs in our most deprived areas. This is one of the strengths of our Parish Share system – that together in our diocese and in partnership with the national church, we can make sure there is a Christian presence in every community, not just those who can afford it.

Over the last few years, many of our parishes have been struggling to give Parish Share in full. This leaves a hole in the diocese's budget every year that we cannot keep filling by spending reserves. Total Parish Share was £5.7m in 2022, slightly lower than in 2021 and £1m lower than in 2019, before the pandemic. This means that the diocese had a deficit of over £1.5m for last year. Our deficit for 2023 is once again projected to be over £1m which is not sustainable for the future.

We have already had to reduce the number of clergy in our diocese and we don't want to have to make further reductions. But unless our parishes give the full amount of Parish Share we will have no choice. This is why we are asking every parish to look again at the amount of Parish Share they are giving.

How is Parish Share calculated?

There are four elements that are used to calculate Parish Share:

- A count of the members of each congregation that attend church at least 12 times per year, averaged over three years.
- The number of Parish Income Points, which is related to the annual incomes of regular members of each congregation, averaged over three years.
- The total amount of money to be raised by the Diocese via Parish Share.
- The number of children and young people that attend church on a Sunday at least 12 times per year.

¹ [Parish Share - Diocese of Manchester \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/parish-share)

Looking ahead to 2025...

Budget 2025		
		2025
Income		
Giving		40000
Donations		1000
Fees		1200
Thursday café donations		1000
Summer & Winter Fairs		3500
Thursday café sales		1000
Premises Rental		8000
Property Rental		8400
Interest		500
Other		100
	Subtotal	64700
Expenditure		
Parish Share		31500
Mission Partners		800
Clergy expenses		4200
Worship		1100
Children's Ministry		250
Hospitality		1000
Community Engagement		1000
Parish Communications		1000
Flowers		700
Administration		2000
Salaries		8500
Church utilities		7000
Church building upkeep		8000
Grounds		2800
Hall utilities		4200
Hall cleaning/maintenance		2800
Property upkeep		500
Other		300
	Subtotal	77650
Total		-12950

Next Steps...

My giving response

Please return this by handing it to our treasurer by **1st Dec 2024**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

My commitment for 2025:

In **2025** I commit to give £ _____ to support St John's

To do this...

I will set up a **new** weekly / monthly standing order of

- £5
- £10
- £15
- £20
- other £ _____

I will increase my **existing** weekly / monthly / annual giving by:

- £5
- £10
- £15
- £20
- other £ _____

- Please send me details of the Gift Aid Scheme