

Next Saturday 9th December & Sunday 10th December 2023

Appeal during mass regarding St Wulstan's and Holy Family income from parishioners by Anne Hanmer Chairperson of the Finance and General-Purpose Committee.

Before next weekend's appeal I would first like to thank everyone for their financial support and generosity. We have a strong spirit of community; I know this is a matter of great importance concerning the financial well-being of our beloved church and it needs a bit of explaining. Below are some figures and explanation which will help reassure you we can easily with a few changes continue to thrive and prosper.

YEAR	2021	2022	2023 ESTIMATE	2024 ESTIMATE
GIFT AID INCOME	37,204	36,610	34,500	32,500
NON GIFT AID INCOME	14,094	13,563	15,000	15,000
TOTAL INCOME FROM PARISHIONERS	51,298	50,173	49,500	47,500
GIFT AID TAX REFUNDS	16,445	12,231	10,620	10,120
TOTAL OF MAIN INCOME FOR PARISH	67,743	62,404	60,120	57,620

There are three main sources of income on which the Parish relies to cover its day-to-day costs: Gift Aid Offertory, Non Gift Aid Offertory and Gift Aid Tax Refunds. The operational costs are typically £60/£65,000 p.a. and increasing. One specific cost is the energy bill for St Wulstan's Church / House and Holy Family which has roughly doubled since 2022.

Your generous contributions have been the backbone of our church's financial stability and we are immensely grateful for your ongoing support, however, next week I will reach out to you, humbly requesting your consideration to increase your regular donation to help bridge the current gap.

Anne Hanmer.