



St. Anne's Stewardship 2024



For everything in heaven and
earth is yours.

1 Chronicles 29:11

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As a church we can be thankful in so many ways, for what has gone on in our church over the past year. From special Christmas Services, the work in the Well in Standish Lower Ground, the work with our Iranian friends, the work with men and the work with the Mothers' Union, our successful Sparkles group, those offering them-



selves for training in ministry and the list can go on and on.

This happens as we come together to support the work of the church in worship, in prayer, with our energy, resources and finances.

It is a joyful thing to know that our giving extends God's Kingdom and continues the Lord's work in our parish.

This leaflet briefly describes the finances of the past year and the financial needs of 2024. We pray that this information will help you understand the financial demands on the church and how we can respond as Joyful, Generous Stewards of all God has given us.



St. Anne's Financial Position

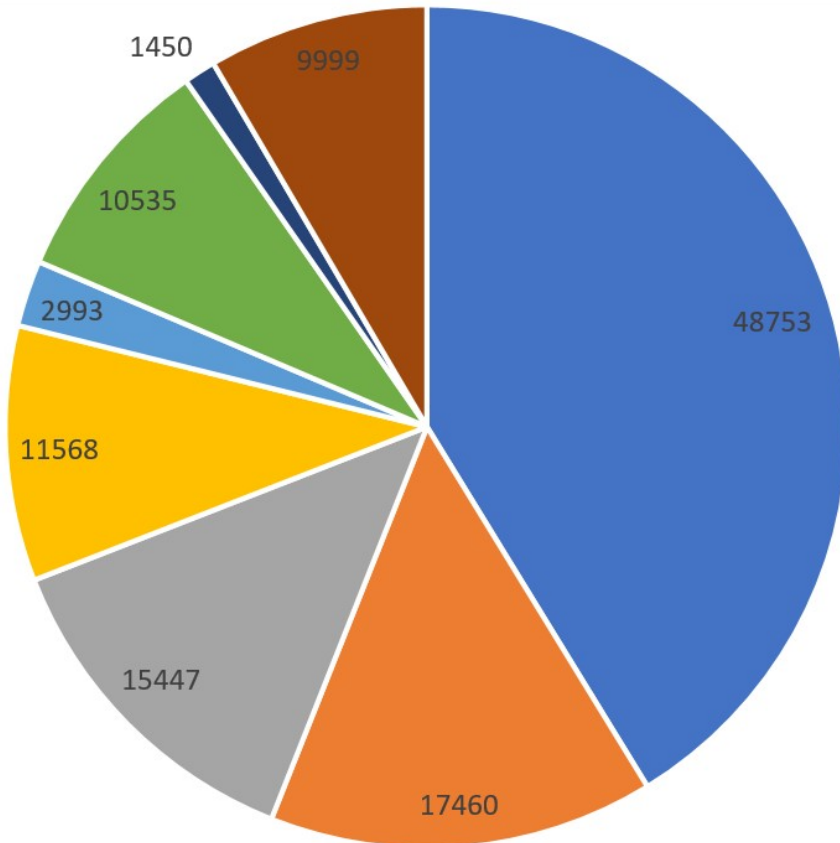
An overview of the finances of the church are given in the pie charts over the page. We provide this so that we are all aware of the costs of running our church.

- As you can see our biggest expenditure is the parish share—this is the amount given to the diocese for clergy pay, housing and pensions and diocesan running costs. This has increased by £3,800 this year and likely a similar amount in 2025.
- Our parish centre brings in letting income which pays for its expenses and makes a small profit.
- We continue to give to mission agencies in this country and abroad and also to the support of our church school.
- We seek to be wise with our resources and use the parish buying scheme to access discount green energy for our church.
- We put out to tender the grass cutting and gardening of the churchyard to get the best value.
- A big source of revenue to the church is the GiftAid we can recover from any donations given from those who pay income tax. Please consider this if you are eligible.

A detailed breakdown of the expenses is available upon request or on the notice board at the back of church.

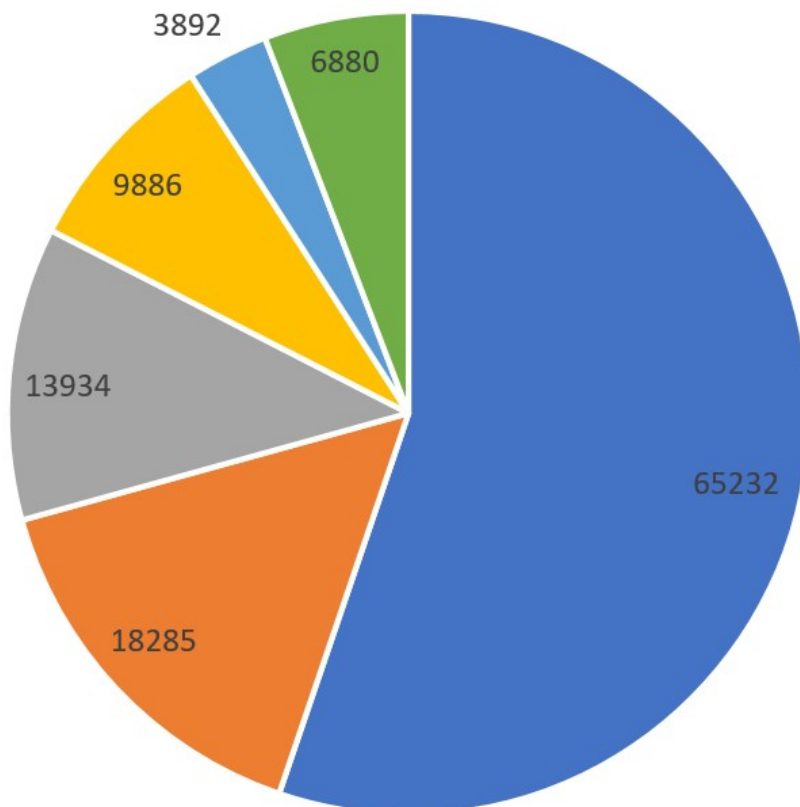
Though we have many ways of money coming to the church, our regular giving is the most reliable. We do depend on the godly generosity of our members to support all that goes on at St. Anne's.

Income and Expenditure 2023



Income

- £48753—Planned Giving
- £17460—Other Donations
- £15447—Recovered Gift Aid
- £11568—Fees
- £2993—Fund Raising
- £10535—Parish Centre
- £1450—Assigned gifts
- £9999—Restricted Fees



Expenditure

- £65232—Parish Share
- £18285—Running Costs—Insurance, churchyard, maintenance, organist etc.
- £13934—Restricted expenditure
- £9886—Parish Centre Costs
- £3892—Light and Heat
- £6880—Mission Giving

We rejoice every year that the Lord provides and our outgoings and income over 2023 are almost the same. But still it almost costs £2,000 per week to run St. Anne's.

How Can I Respond?

The Bible tells us to pray, consider and to give.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9 verse 7

The running and financing of our church is our responsibility. Together our giving can make a big difference.

Regular Giving

If you haven't already, think about regular giving to the church by using standing orders. Forms are available at the back of church with St. Anne's bank details also at the end of this pamphlet.

If you already give regularly please consider increasing your standing order, maybe in line with your income. Even a modest increase can accumulate over the year.

Being wise in our giving

If you pay any income tax this can be reclaimed from the government GiftAid scheme. Please see the forms at the back of church for details.

Giving Machine

Many of us no longer carry much cash on us, if you would like to give additional gifts, the machine is available at every service.

Bequests

Over the years the church has benefitted from gifts given in wills. Please consider St. Anne's as a beneficiary if you are writing a will.

If you have any questions, don't be afraid to ask Heather Rawson our treasurer or either of the church wardens.