

# Finance Fact Sheet

Keeping you informed

From Fr Ansel and the Finance Committee

At the end of February we had a bank balance of £94,114 compared to £84,400 at the start of the financial year.

## Regular giving

We need to increase our income if we are to safeguard our future.

3 simple steps:

1 Gift Aid your giving – so we can reclaim your tax.

2 If you don't give by standing order, could you please consider doing so?

3 If you already give regularly, could we invite you to reflect on increasing your giving?

## Our bank details

CDP Park Gate St Marg  
Mary

Sort code 30-93-04

Acc No 00883663

## Gift Aid

Did you know that if you have completed a Gift Aid form, we can claim back from the Government 25p for every pound you give the Parish? If you haven't completed a form, they are available at the back of Church. We can only make a claim if we know how much you have given.

Three quick points.

Once you have a form in place, the easiest way to make sure we get the Gift Aid is to give by standing order. You can set one up using a form or on your bank app.

If you put cash into the collection, please use an envelope and mark it with your Gift Aid number. If you can't remember your number, please do ask Heather or there is a list in the sacristy.

If you use the Dona machine, there is an option there to Gift Aid your money.

## Maintenance

We continue to maintain our church buildings to a high standard. Investment will help minimise the risk of significant costs in the future.

In the first half of the year, there have been no significant maintenance costs other than the new hall boiler.

## Thank you

Fr Ansel and the finance committee are grateful for your continued generosity towards the parish. Your time, talents and treasure enable us to fulfil our mission as a parish.

As well as making regular contributions to our finances through the collections, parishioners have helped deliver projects such as the prayer garden as well as contribute just under £1,000 for new albs for our servers and fund the two new statues of Our Lady.

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## Financial report for the six months to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

In the first half of the financial year, we ran a surplus of £8,292 compared to a budgeted deficit of £2,691. This is compared with a deficit in the same period last year of £8,956. Because of your generosity in recent years and prudent spending, our finances remain healthy. Our bank balance at the end of February (including our deposit account) was £94,114 compared to £84,400 at the start of the financial year.

Our income is ahead of budget for the first six months by £10,642. This is principally because we received a legacy of £5,000. We also received additional Closer to Christ and Gift Aid payments. Our income from collections is broadly in line with budget. Whilst we benefitted from renting out car parking spaces at £400 per month to a local business in the early part of this year, this has now ceased.

Expenditure was broadly in line with budget. In the first six months of the year, we replaced the hall boiler and completed much of the work in the prayer garden. We also incurred maintenance costs on repairing the car park and some exploratory works on drainage problem under the car park. We expect to incur further costs on the drainage problem in the future.

### A summary of our income and expenses

	Actual for 6 months to 28/2/2026	Budget for 6 months to 28/2/2026
Planned giving and collections	43,239	43,650
Closer to Christ	5,205	2,800
Gift Aid	7,303	4,150
Fund raising, donations and other income	14,605	9,110
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Employment costs, stipends and stole fees	14,066	14,892
Christmas and Easter offering	3,986	3,410
Maintenance	13,923	13,986
Diocesan levy	15,222	14,214
Other costs	14,863	15,899
	<hr/> 62,060	<hr/> 62,401
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>8,292</b>	<b>(2,691)</b>