

Finance Fact Sheet

Keeping you informed

From Fr Ansel and the Finance Committee

At the end of May we had a bank balance of £90,899 compared to £94,114 at end of February.

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

Whilst we have been able to budget carefully for most of our costs, the area of expenditure with the greatest volatility is maintenance. This year is a good example. We knew that the boiler in the hall needed to be moved and replaced and we budgeted for that. We had not expected, however, to replace the boiler in the church foyer which heats the Paray Room etc or the wifi. Although we try to build in an allowance for unplanned costs and have cash in the bank, this year we have only run a surplus because we received a £5,000 legacy.

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.

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Financial report for the nine months to 31st May 2026

In the first nine months of the financial year, we ran a surplus of £1,991 compared to a budgeted surplus of £1,781. This is compared with a deficit in the same period last year of £5,967. Because of your generosity in recent years and prudent spending, our finances remain healthy. Our bank balance at the end of May (including our deposit account) was £90,899 compared to £84,400 at the start of the financial year.

Our income is ahead of budget for the first six months by £5,338. This is principally because we received a legacy of £5,000. We also received additional Closer to Christ 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 £5,128 higher than budgeted. This is primarily a consequence of unbudgeted maintenance costs. Whilst we planned to replace the hall boiler, we had not expected to replace the boiler in the church foyer or improve the wifi in church. We also completed the prayer garden. In total, these projects cost £11,600. 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. On the positive side, our utility bills were £3,000 lower than expected.

A summary of our income and expenses

	Actual for 9 months to 31/5/2026	Budget for 9 months to 31/5/2026
Planned giving and collections	67,025	67,183
Closer to Christ	6,766	5,600
Gift Aid	7,303	6,960
Fund raising, donations and other income	17,649	13,662
	98,743	93,405
Employment costs, stipends and stole fees	22,694	22,338
Christmas and Easter offering	7,463	6,820
Maintenance	20,751	17,229
Diocesan levy	22,833	21,321
Other costs	23,011	23,916
	96,752	91,624
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,991	1,781