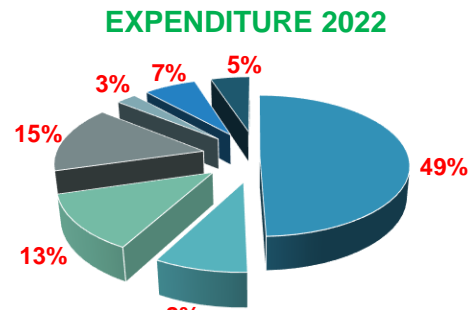


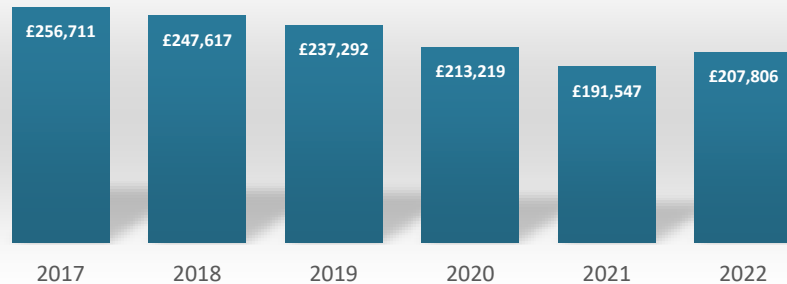
# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH EALING ABBEY

## PLANNED GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP



- Parish Ministry (49%)
- Contribution to the Diocese (13%)
- Parish Activities and Catechetics (3%)
- Support and Administration Costs (5%)
- Utilities (8%)
- Other Property Expenses (15%)
- Church Expenses (7%)

### TOTAL OFFERTORY MOVEMENT SINCE 2017



The chart above shows a decline of 19% in Offertory collections over the past 6 years. These collections would have needed to have increased by a further £53k just to stay in line with the increase in total Operating Costs over those 6 years.

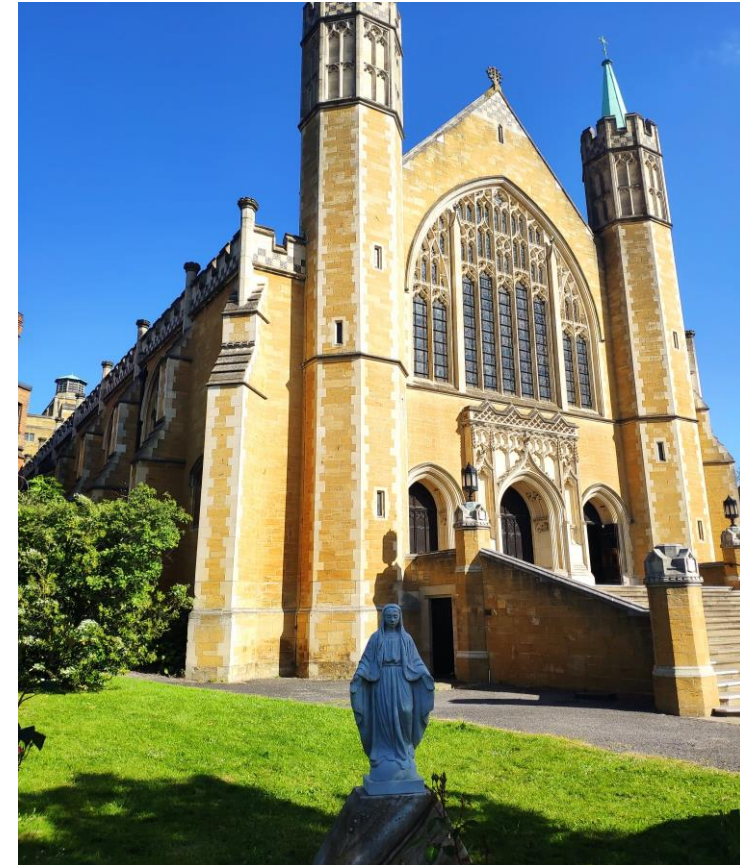
### Gift Aid is easy to do, it doesn't cost you a penny and helps our Parish even further!

- Gift Aid contributed an additional £210k to our Offertory collections since 2017
- If you pay UK income tax, you can declare Gift Aid on your donation which allows us to receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate

### Standing Orders are the best way to provide financial support to our Parish!

They provide secure, regular income which is easy to Gift Aid and is low in cost and time to process.

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**WEEK 2 - 2023**

## CARE FOR OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

*'LIKE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD, SERVE ONE ANOTHER WITH WHATEVER GIFT EACH OF YOU HAS RECEIVED'*  
1 PETER 4:10

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## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week we launched **Planned Giving and Stewardship 2023**. This is a time to reflect on our blessings and seek opportunities to renew our commitment, so that we can continue to grow a sustainable and viable long-term future for our Parish. This week, we look at some of the different ways our time, talents and treasure can be used to support this mission.

### What can I do to help?

- \* **Am I able to make a financial donation or give regularly through a Standing Order/Direct Debit to help close the gap between our income and costs?**

In 2022, our running costs were £1k more per week than our income (see next page for details). This is currently being subsidised by the Trust of St Benedict's Ealing Abbey, which is not sustainable.

- \* **Am I Gift Aiding my contributions?**

59% of donations were Gift Aided in 2022. If 100% were Gift Aided, we would have received an additional £21k in income which would have improved our ability to fully fund our full time Parish Catechetical Co-Ordinator and Parish Secretary.

- \* **Can I offer my time? Do I have any skills or talents our Parish could benefit from?**

We also have up to 12 groups actively supporting and enriching our Community Outreach.

**This week, all we ask is that you consider how you could support our Parish. Next week, we will provide you with information on how to:**

- ✓ Set up a Standing Order or Direct Debit (You will need your debit card and bank information)
- ✓ Sign up to Gift Aid your donations, if you pay UK tax
- ✓ Sign up to volunteer in some of the different groups and organisations that support our Parish

**Thank you so much for your continued support**  
**Father Ambrose OSB**  
**Parish Priest**

For further details on our Planned Giving and Stewardship 2023, please ask a volunteer after Mass, contact Fr Ambrose OSB or the Parish Office Tel: 020 8194 2301/Email: [parishoffice@ealingabbey.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@ealingabbey.org.uk)

To stay informed or donate to our parish online, please visit [ealingabbeyparish.uk/](http://ealingabbeyparish.uk/)

## Our Parish has a rich history as the spiritual centre in the lives of so many:

As Stewards responsible for the gifts received from God, we can come together to help look after our beautiful church and community so that future generations will benefit from and continue the mission given by Our Lord and St Benedict.

### To maintain the heart of our Parish, here are some of our key outgoings:

- ❖ Day-to-day running costs, which support our Ministry and Catechesis (inc. salaries), were £192k in 2022 and accounted for 49% of total expenditure
- ❖ Support for the many Parish programmes and projects
- ❖ Parish Church and Centre maintenance costs and repairs

### How we operated in 2022

- ❖ Last year, our Church and Parish received income of **£337k**, 72% of which came from offertory receipts and related Gift Aid
- ❖ However, despite the prudent management of expenditure overseen by the Finance Committee, rising costs drove this to **(£388k)**, resulting in a **shortfall of (£51k) or 15% of income** for the year
- ❖ To clear the existing deficit and enable us to continue supporting future investment in Catechetics, we need to increase our income by **35% annually (£118k based on 2022's figures)**
- ❖ Without your support in helping us achieve this, our ability to continue to grow a sustainable spiritual centre will diminish
- ❖ Please consider this when deciding how much you can afford to give within your means



TOTAL OPERATIONAL INCOME			TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE		
Standing Orders	£128,446	38%	Parish Ministry	£192,075	49%
Envelopes	£15,701	5%	Diocese Contribution	£49,014	13%
Loose Plate Donations	£23,205	7%	Utilities	£32,569	8%
Offertory (ATM)	£15,899	5%	Other Property Expenses	£59,173	15%
Offertory (Online)	£24,556	7%	Parish Activities and Catechetics	£10,059	3%
Gift Aid	£35,992	11%	Church Expenses	£26,020	7%
Donations	£16,446	5%	Support and Admin Costs	£19,440	5%
Candles and Flowers	£26,762	8%			
Parish Activities and Catechetics	£18,353	5%			
Parish Centre Revenue	£25,279	7%			
Other Income	£6,674	2%			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£337,313</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>£388,350</b>	
<b>(£) DEFICIT 2022:</b>	<b>(£51,037)</b>		<b>(%) DEFICIT/INCOME 2022:</b>		<b>(15%)</b>