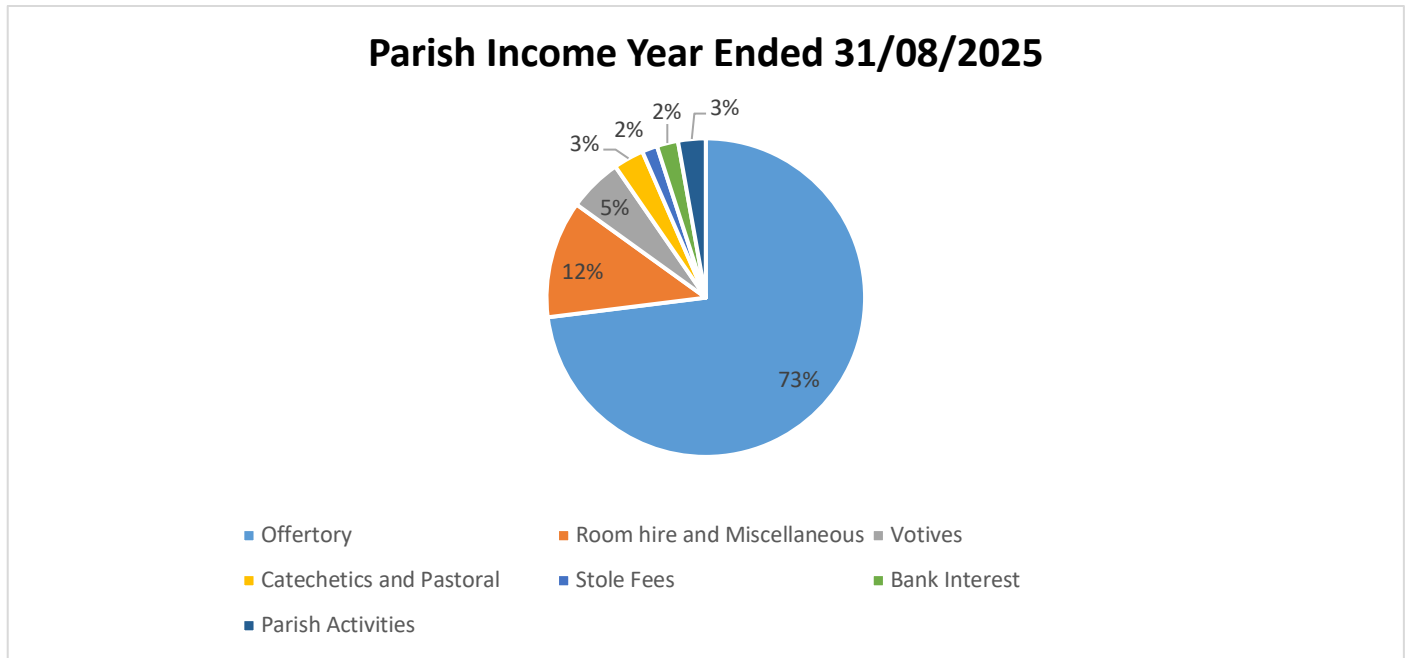


The Parish of St. Benedict, Ealing Abbey is your parish, a large diverse and active parish which nourishes the sacramental and spiritual life of our parishioners. Over eight hundred parishioners attended Mass on Sundays this year. The Parish also promotes a wide range of well attended catechetical and social activities aimed at all age groups, all of which can be found in our Parish Directory and in our weekly bulletin and on the Parish Website <http://www.ealingabbeyparish.uk>. As a result of your continued support, Ealing Abbey Parish continues to flourish and develop as a Christian Faith Community committed to bringing about the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Financial Report (from audited Financial Statements to August 2025)

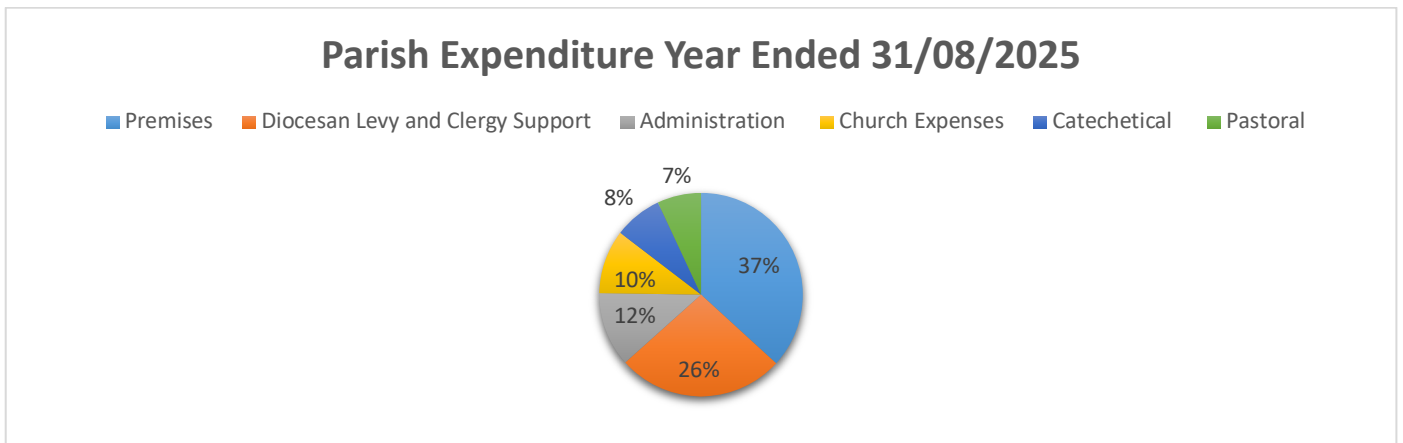
Parish income in 2025 was £445,546 analysed as:



The weekly offertory is the main source of Parish Income. From 2022-2024 income had shown a steady increase year on year. In 2025 income dipped slightly with a 5% decrease in offertory income to £325K in the year to August 2025. On a positive note, the percentage of offertories that were gift aided rose to 68% as a result of the Planned Giving Campaign showing strong stewardship engagement across the Parish.

In terms of the other income streams shown above, we have reached our capacity for room hire. We are so grateful for the additional income raised through Parish Events, such as the Golf Day. But in order for these events to continue we need people to volunteer to run them. There was no Golf Day in 2025 but there was a Race Night (18th October 2025) to raise funds for the Sanctuary lights in the Church. This will be reported in next year's report. The Parish is very grateful to all those who gave so generously to the appeal and also to those who organised the event and other fundraising events. But we urgently need more people to come forward and get involved and share the challenge of raising more funds for the Parish.

Parish Expenditure for 2025 was £514,395 analysed as:



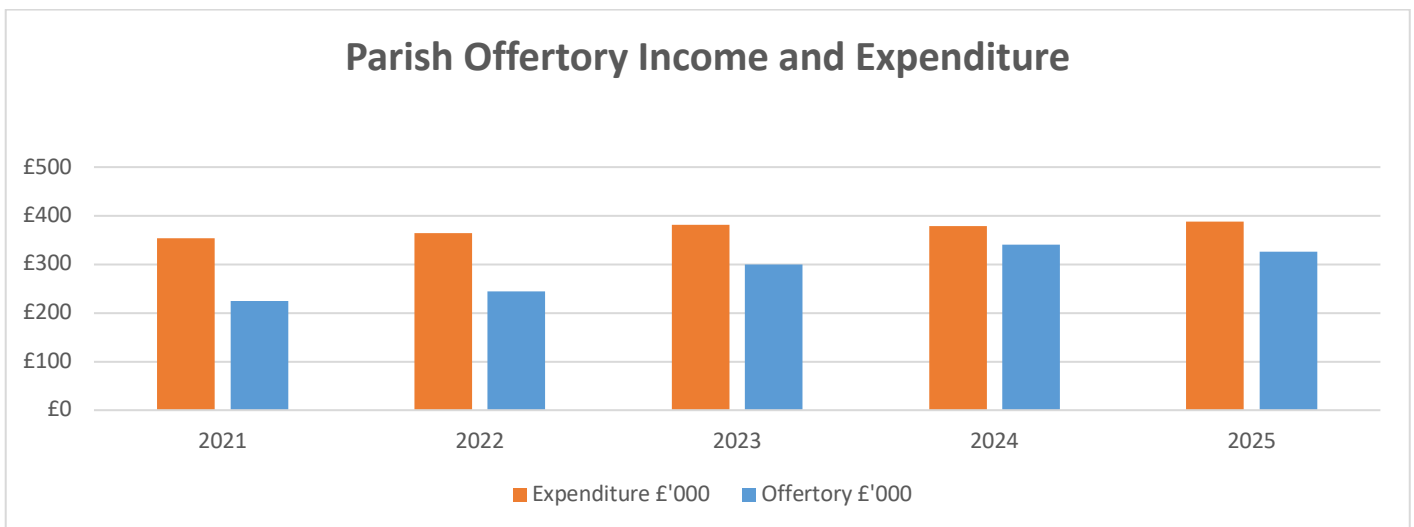
Fuel costs which form part of our Premises expenditure continue to be our largest expense. Our energy contracts are put out to tender, and the most competitive price sought but with a large space any increase in fuel costs is impactful. In the year to August 2025, fuel costs were £107k similar to the prior year. New contracts in place since October 2025 should ease pressure here.

Our contribution to the running of Westminster Diocese and clergy support forms 26% or £136k of our expenditure.

Our other large expenses are centred on service to the parishioners, pastoral and catechetical tasks as well as the administration to support this. All expenditure is tightly controlled and monitored.

Church Sanctuary Lighting was a capital expense in the year and not included here in the above operational expenses. Generous contributions and events such as the Race Night will be reported in the year ending August 2026 covering all the associated costs

Income and Expenditure Trends



Expenditure has grown steadily—approximately 53% over five years—outpacing income even after recent offertory recovery. Whilst staffing costs remain stable, rising premises, insurance, and especially fuel/utility costs are major drivers of this growth and mirror wider national inflation pressures.

The result is that the Parish is increasingly supported by the monastic community to cover its operating deficit which is unsustainable. This support is most obvious in enabling the Parish to have a full-time Catechetical Coordinator and a full time Parish Secretary. To this end, the importance and urgency of continuing to focus on more fundraising events and to ask all of our parishioners to consider and pray about increasing your donations, if it is within your means to do so.

Thank you so much to all our Parishioners for your continued generosity in supporting the life of Ealing Abbey Parish with your time, your expertise and incredible donations. We look forward to hearing about your ideas and ways of making further progress in closing that gap between income and expenditure in 2026. God bless you all and keep you safe!

With the assurance of my prayers and best wishes,

*Good Shepherd Sunday, 26th April 2026
Fr Ambrose OSB PP*