

PARISH OF ST ANTHONY AND ST MARK



PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY – DECEMBER 2022

I am pleased to be able to provide my second Financial Report to you now that the Parish Financial Return for the year January to December 2022 has been completed and submitted to the Diocese. The following provides a summary of the main information for your consideration without listing every piece of income and expenditure. I hope that this “snapshot” provides you with a helpful overview of the financial situation of the Parish.

INCOME

As you are aware, our main income comes from the Offertory Collections from the Parishioners at both St Anthony’s and St Mark’s Churches. For the year to the end of December 2022, this amount totalled **£118,376.07**. This includes all payments made as part of the Gift Aid scheme, whether paid through the bank or by envelope. It also includes monies paid via the Diocese during the Covid lockdown which continue to be made that way. This total represents a significant increase of over £27,000.00 on last year, which obviously reflects our full return to Services following COVID and I am delighted to see so many of you attending regularly. HMRC made Tax repayments on Gift Aid of **£18,157.92** for the financial year to April 2022. This is an excellent source of additional income for parishes, and thanks go to all those UK Taxpayers who are members of the Gift Aid scheme.

Other income came from stall sales, donations etc. In addition, interest from the Diocese on savings in the Parochial Investment Fund (PiF) and the Parochial Aid Fund (PaF) totalling **£430.02** was received. The total received from parishioners for Special Collections was **£16,516.48** which, alongside monies received in the Votives and Fundraising boxes totalling **£4796.43**, supports a number of charities and organisations. Thank you for your continued generosity to these collections. Total Income for the year was therefore **£175,266.45**.

EXPENDITURE

The costs of running the parish in 2022 are set out below:

House Management, that is, the day to day running of both Chapel Houses, including repairs and maintenance, totalled **£21,433.55**. Church Management, including repairs and maintenance as well as expenditure on the stall and Divine

Service (communion breads and wine, candles etc) totalled **£56,782.50** for both churches. While this is a significant increase on last year it should be noted that, of this total, **£29,806.80** was for repairs and maintenance, for example repairs to roofs and chimney and the external wall at St Anthony's amongst others. Grounds Management, including regular gardening as well as maintenance of the grounds for both Churches totalled **£4,891.20**. Office Management, furnishings and equipment, printing costs and bank charges total **£5122.72**. Our responsibility to support the Diocese is met through the Parish Levy (based on income from the previous year) and in 2022 this was **£28,399.16**.

The biggest outgoings were in respect of General Parish Management. This included, for example, Telephone costs of **£2,440.29**; Salaries and NI contributions of **£3447.00**; Heat and Light for both houses and churches of **£16,934.51** and Council Tax of **£3048.06**. Annual Insurance for the Parish Estate totalled **£14,531.40**. Our total expenditure on General Parish management was **£63,527.44**.

Total Expenditure for the year was **£239,141.79**. You will note that while this continues to exceed our Total Income this is because we continue to undertake projects which had to be put on hold during the COVID Lockdown periods. The Parish had maintained a good level of savings and we are using these to bring both parishes up to standard. We have, for example, once again regularised all safety checks in terms of electrical and gas supplies as well as ongoing maintenance of gutters and roofs etc. Our savings with the Diocese in the Parish Investment Fund have not been used at all.

The Parish finances, and the Parish Estate are in good condition but we need to continue our efforts to improve and maintain all parts of the Parish Estate. For example, following the Gas Safety check at St Anthony's we have been advised that the Gas Boiler needs to be replaced. We have one estimate for this work and are just awaiting a further two before work can begin. This will be an expensive project but one which is necessary and which we will be able to manage.

This note is a summary of Income and Expenditure for 2022. If you wish to inspect the full Financial Return, or if you have any questions regarding this information, please speak to me or contact the Parish Office, and I will be pleased to help. If you would prefer to receive this information, either through another medium or in another format, I will be happy to consider your views.

My sincere thanks go to everyone in the Parish for their continued support in all of the work we do, and the financial commitments being made to the Church in these difficult economic times.

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