

THE VALUE OF MINISTRY

Our guide to the ministry and costs
of St George's Church.

2016

Ministry at St George's

I am constantly encouraged by the number of ways in which we serve our community and each other at St George's. Many people show huge commitment in preparing bible studies, children's groups and teaching and pastoring others.

I am also incredibly grateful for the sacrificial ways in which many people serve the church. Cleaning, tidying, organising, visiting, praying, listening, fixing, gardening - to name but a few.

The purpose of the church which was agreed on many years ago is this:

"This church exists to be the people of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, worshipping Him, making disciples and serving others."

The mission of the church is given us by Jesus.

"go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 28 v19

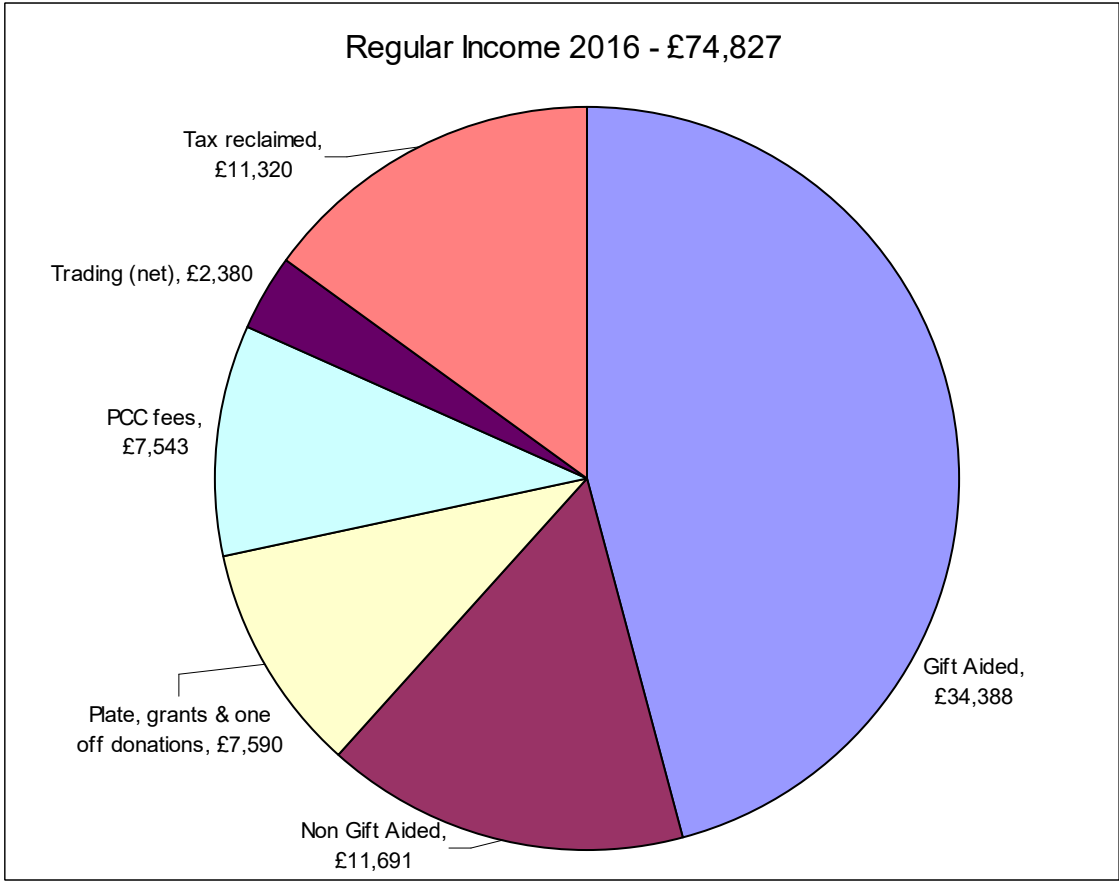
We are to live as disciples and to make disciples and everything we do should be rooted in this truth.

Maintaining St George's costs money. Ministry costs money. There are many in St George's who already tithe and give generously to the work of Christ in the parish and beyond. I hope that the following data helps to show where that money is spent and that with increasing costs, giving needs to rise in 2017 to maintain the work of Christ's church here.

Note: Our cost of the diocesan share is less than the cost of a vicar. i.e. The diocese subsidises St George's.

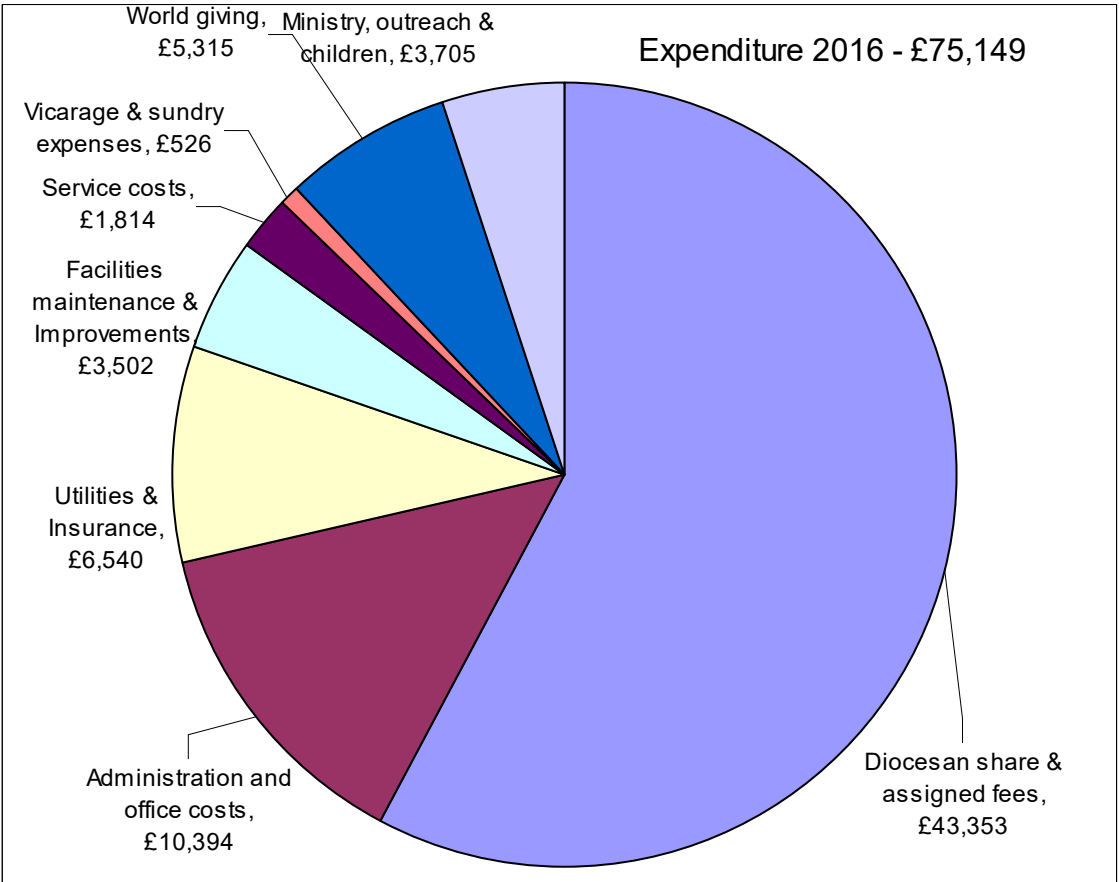
Finances at St George's

Regular Income 2016 - £74,827



Income excludes legacy of £11,366 and restricted gifts of £3553. Expenditure excludes share for 2015/7

Expenditure 2016 - £75,149



If you wish support St George's financially or increase your giving, please complete standing order & gift aid forms found on the notice board at the back of the lobby. Alternatively you can give through gift envelopes. It is also possible to leave a bequest in your will.

The Ministry of a Vicar

Many people wonder what a vicar does. Here is a (far from exhaustive) list of ministries many vicars do each week.

Prayer (the often overlooked but number one priority).
Preparation & taking of services, sermon series, sermons, bible studies, training sessions and discussion groups.
(People often underestimate just how long preparing bible teaching takes. A 25 minute biblical talk can easily take 10 hours prep.)
One to one and small group bible study.
Pastoral visiting, caring for the sick & relationship building.
Evangelistic groups. Being a school governor.
Baptism, Wedding and Funeral visits, planning, services and follow up.
Vision and strategy planning + leadership/PCC meetings.
Event planning and organisation.
Leading prayer meetings. Writing reports. Diocesan work.
Training, empowering and managing volunteers, staff and trainees. Working with other churches.
Engaging with people at events and groups run by others.
Dealing with issues in church and churchyard.
Diocesan meetings (e.g. chapter, synod, etc.) and training.
Primary school assemblies, lessons and clubs.
Secondary school assemblies, lessons & clubs.
Building relationships with community leaders.

