

Parish of Holy Ghost & St Bede's, Basingstoke
Annual Financial Report, year ended 31st August 2025



Issue 4

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the fourth Financial Report of the incomings and outgoings for Holy Ghost and St Bede's Parish for the year ended 31st August 2025. The parish ended financial year 2024/25 with a deficit of £5,228.

During the financial year 2024/25 Planned Giving and Loose Plate/Online Giving has remained steady, and we are very grateful for the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you also to everyone who supported the Closer to Christ Campaign. The parish has continued to receive a share of what has been raised on a quarterly basis.

Rental income from Holy Ghost Presbytery flats has remained consistent, with five of the six flats continually occupied. The sixth flat is occupied by our Assistant Priest Fr Paul Nwune. The Presbytery flats contribute a significant source of income to the parish. This year we have replaced the large ground floor lounge window in Flat 2, and Flat 3 has been redecorated, had all carpeting replaced and a new bedroom window installed. New windows are planned for Flats 4 and 6 as part of ongoing window restoration work.

Owing to the repeat flooding at St Bede's Church a full assessment and CCTV survey of onsite drainage was conducted. The report confirmed our drainage system to be fit for purpose and in full working order. Following repeated reports of flooding, Hampshire Highways installed a new gully at the top of the church driveway, but further work is required for it to fully drain surface water away properly. Consultation with Hampshire Highways will continue in order that we can get the excess surface water issue on Popley Way managed more effectively.

Two water pumps were replaced at St Bede's, along with the primary filter for the heating system which had begun to corrode. The Diocese has partnered with WorkNest who are supporting us with Health & Safety/Fire Safety. Alongside this we have continued to develop our Local Mission Plan and building on this our clergy have had the opportunity to attend an Alpha Leadership Conference, as well as other clergy away days and spiritual retreats. The parish will be introducing Alpha Youth for our next Confirmation programme. St Bede's continues to host a variety of Diocesan events including numerous formation days.

Looking ahead there will be a new quinquennial inspection for Holy Ghost Church. Please be assured that Holy Ghost is not being neglected, and plans will be made once we know what remedial building work is needed. Of course, there will be a financial cost to this so please help us by Gift Aiding your weekly offering if you are not already doing so. Five-year electrical testing will be carried out both at Holy Ghost and St Bede's later in 2026, and we will be reviewing options that will enable a fully functioning organ to be back in use at St Bede's.

As we move forward to becoming a single parish, our Pastoral Area Transitional Finance Committee are continuing to plan for the future, and to develop a Pastoral Area model of stewardship that is both balanced and prudent.

Finally, a BIG thank you to all who support our Parish, we are truly grateful.

God bless!

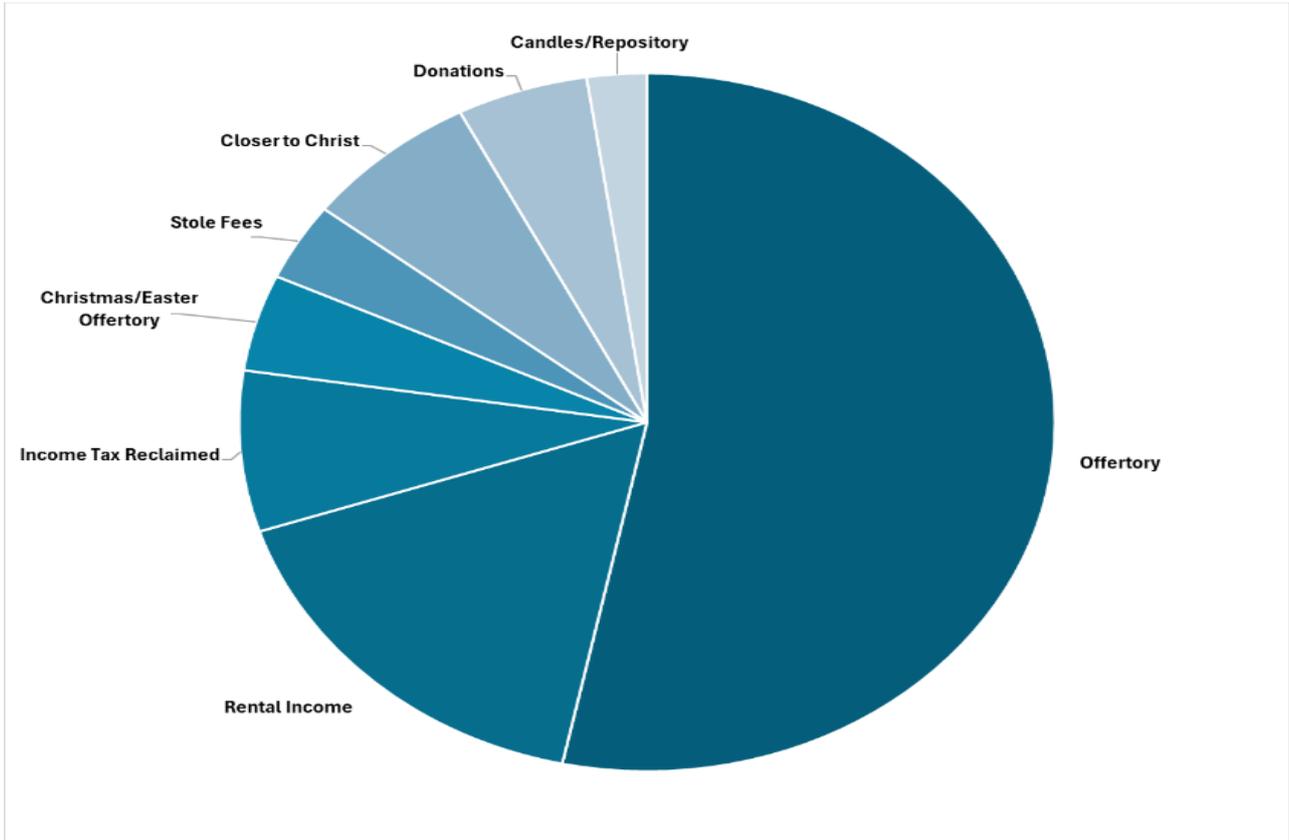
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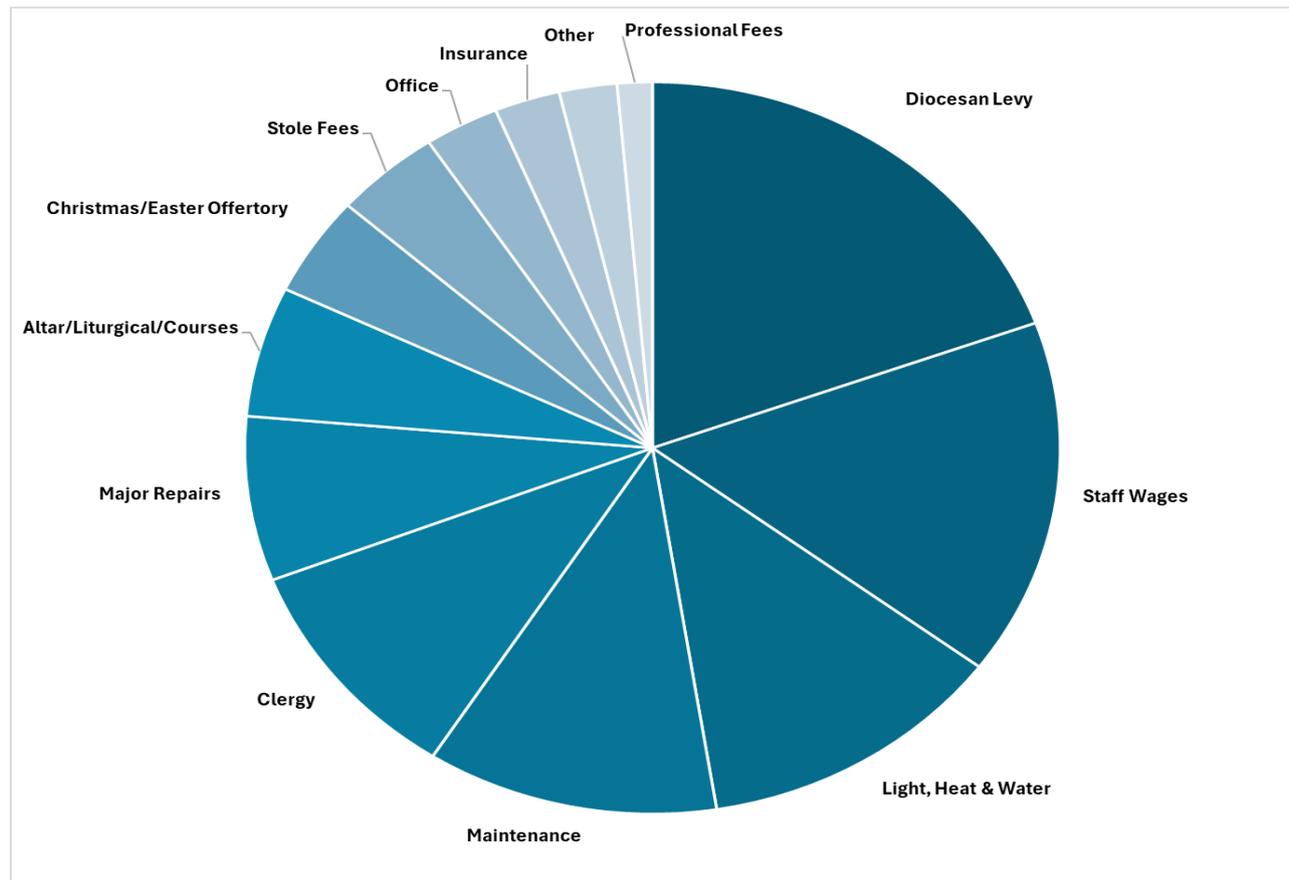
Income and Payments for the year ended 31st August 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
Income:	£	£
Offertory - Planned Giving	68,833	68,808
Offertory - Loose Plate/Online Giving/Contactless	76,500	68,963
Tax Reclaimed	20,304	20,750
Christmas/Easter Offerings	12,216	11,454
Stole Fees	9,813	15,344
Books/Papers	2,490	2,924
Rents Received (Flats & Hall)	45,247	43,403
Gifts/Donations / Fundraising	10,317	8,388
Votive Candles/Flowers	3,967	3,920
Other Income / Interest	3,871	2,828
Closer to Christ / Living Our Faith	18,946	42,024
Third Party Income (Kneeler Group / Rebates)	-	2,493
Legacies	-	-
Total Income	272,505	291,299
Payments:		
Priest Stipends & National Insurance	20,253	5,146
Christmas/Easter Offerings	12,216	11,454
Motor Expenses	2,070	0
Housekeeping	867	5,200
Stole Fees	11,674	13,397
Parish Staff Wages & National Insurance	43,748	43,717
Supply Priests	1,868	2,899
Altar & Liturgical	8,414	11,633
Light/Heat/Water	34,098	34,305
Maintenance/Repairs	30,652	28,940
Furniture/Equipment	1,959	642
Telephone/Computer/Postage/Photocopying	7,785	8,216
Council Tax/Insurance	10,120	9,647
Diocesan Levy	54,024	51,491
Professional Fees/Music Licenses	5,928	4,369
Transport/Books/Courses/Repository	4,097	3,427
Parish Events	1,844	3,636
Other Parish Items	3,330	1,836
Clergy & Laity Formation / Sacramental Programmes	1,743	5,321
Donations	855	1,000
Exceptional Items (Major Repairs)	20,188	53,075
Total Payments	277,733	299,351
End of Year Position	-5,228	-8,052

Parish Income Summary 2024/25



Parish Payments Summary 2024/25



Second Collections Summary

(*Please note that Gift Aid can only be claimed on Diocesan Collections)

Name of Charity	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Diocesan Collections - obligatory		
Cathedral*	498	1,064
Mission Sunday (Missio)	482	359
Home Mission Sunday	130	143
Bamenda*	585	498
Crib	385	479
Clergy Assistance Fund*	492	529
Holy Places	1,036	966
Clergy Training Fund*	532	634
World Communications	63	287
Peter's Pence	392	366
Apostleship of the Sea	581	488
Day for Life	264	368
Total Obligatory	5,440	6,181
Non-obligatory Special Collections		
CAFOD	2,542	2,607
Charity Box	320	286
Catholic Education Service*	162	226
Leprosy	-	703
St Michael's Hospice	343	224
Total non-obligatory Special Collections	3,367	4,046
Total Special Collections	8,807	10,227

Gift Aid your Offerings

Remember to Gift Aid your offerings to the Parish. The Parish can claim back from the taxman an extra 25% of what you have given. It's simple, you sign a certificate to say you are a taxpayer and want your donations to be subject to Gift Aid. Any offerings you make by numbered envelope, standing order or direct debit are then treated as gift aided. **Please note that we have no access to your personal tax data and never reveal people's offerings.** Forms can be found on our website: www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk at the bottom of the Donations page.



Faye Lyons is our Treasurer and can be contacted by email accounts@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk for forms and advice. If you would prefer, please leave a message on the Parish telephone 01256 465214 Ext 1.

Ways to Donate to the Parish

The easiest and safest way to donate to the Parish is electronically using one of the various methods we offer: Standing Order or Direct Debit, Contactless Giving or via the Giving Page on our website at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#)