

A GENEROUS GOD CALLING FOR A GENEROUS CHURCH

A person with long brown hair, wearing a dark jacket and blue jeans, stands in a grassy field with trees in the background. They are holding a large, black-framed sign in front of their chest. The sign is white and has the text "GIVE. THANKS." written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters.

**GIVE.
THANKS.**

OVERVIEW OF DIOCESAN FINANCES 2022



Diocese of Canterbury
CHANGED LIVES → CHANGING LIVES

A WORD FROM BISHOP ROSE



Within our Eucharistic service we sometimes use the words based on 1st Chronicles 29:11

“Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.”



The important point is that all that we have comes from God. It is not for us to possess, but freely as God has given to us, so we too give. We have a generous God, and we pattern that generosity in our giving of ourselves, who we are and what we give back to God so that the mission that God has called us to may be accomplished. In scripture we see how God repeatedly uses whatever we give from a generous heart, multiplying it for the benefit of the whole body.

It is my view that if we truly believe in God’s mission and our place in its fulfilment, then we will support that mission with a depth of generosity that reflects our spiritual depth. What we are presently experiencing therefore is a spiritual crisis more than it is a financial crisis. Together, let us live out that generosity in every area of our lives, so that we can indeed, by the grace of God, become a flourishing church.

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The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin
Bishop of Dover

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF 2022



As we emerge from the challenges presented by the pandemic, our parishes continue to be generous and sacrificial in their giving. Although some found themselves unable to pay their full parish share in 2022, due to a strong performance from our other income streams, our overall unrestricted income came close to our budget.

Thanks to an unrestricted Church Commissioners grant of £375k, we were able to end the year with a modest surplus of £58k, despite our property expenditure exceeding budget. Additionally, property sales enabled us to repay the covid loan taken out in 2021.

The decrease in our congregations needs to be addressed if we are to be a sustainable and flourishing church and our diocesan strategy is focussed on achieving this. Our commitment towards this strategy in 2022 resulted in committed funding from the Church Commissioners of over £1million in 2023.

We expect a small shortfall in parish share for this year but our overall financial position remains stable and solvent. We remain committed to finding sustainable solutions to our resourcing needs, and to communicating transparently and openly with our parishes.

With heartfelt thanks for your generosity, understanding and commitment to our church and mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Wyllie', with a long, sweeping underline.

Peter Wyllie

Chair of Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance

2022: OUR LIFE IN NUMBERS



15 NEW DEACONS & PRIESTS ORDAINED AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

11 NEW READERS LICENSED IN OUR DIOCESE



34 PARTICIPANTS IN DEEPENING DISCIPLESHIP COURSES



33 PARTICIPANTS IN LAY MINISTRY COURSES



14 NEW ANNA CHAPLAINS/ FRIENDS COMMISSIONED



WATER RATES AND COUNCIL TAX PAID ON
168 CLERGY PROPERTIES



£1M

INVESTMENT FROM CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' FUNDING TO SUPPORT OUR STRATEGY – INCLUDING 7 NEW YOUTH MINISTERS

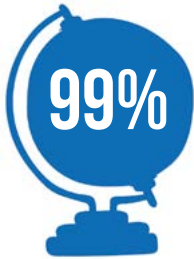
2022: OUR LIFE IN NUMBERS



180 PEOPLE ON AVERAGE ATTENDING WELCOME AND SUPPORT EVENTS FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN CANTERBURY DIOCESE EACH WEEK



OVER **26,000** CHILDREN EDUCATED IN **104** CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS ACROSS OUR DIOCESE



99% OF OUR SCHOOLS RATED GOOD OR BETTER BY SIAMS AND **94%** RATED GOOD OR OUTSTANDING BY OFSTED



900 YEAR 6 CHILDREN ATTENDED CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS' DAYS

NEW HEADTEACHERS ATTENDED 'ROOTED', A COURSE FOR NEW HEADTEACHERS WORKING IN CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS



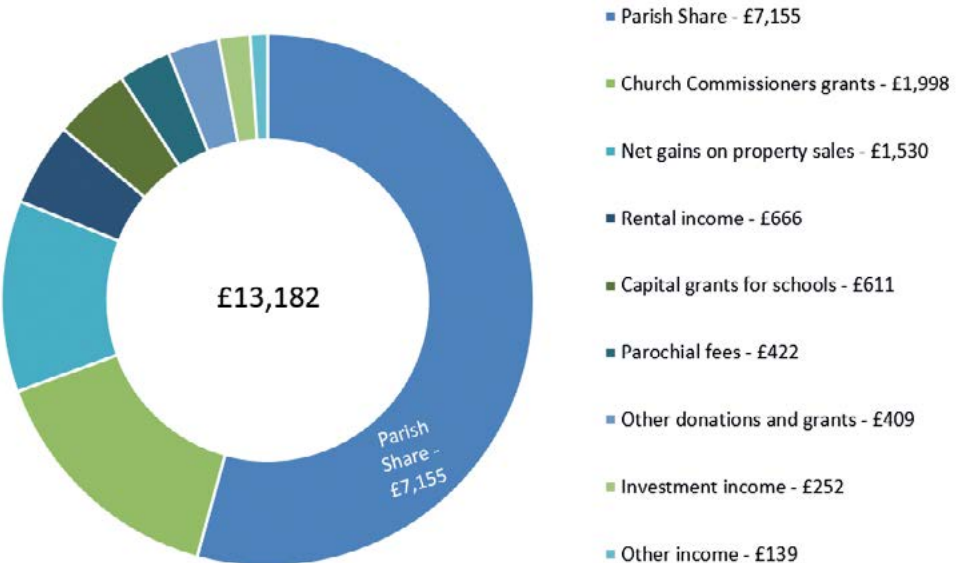
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OUR INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Parish Share is our main source of diocesan income. Additional income comes from property rentals and sales (which can vary significantly from year to year) as well as investments and parochial fees. Other income - such as capital grants for schools and grant funding from the Church Commissioners - can only be used for particular purposes (such as our work with Ignite communities and our strategy).

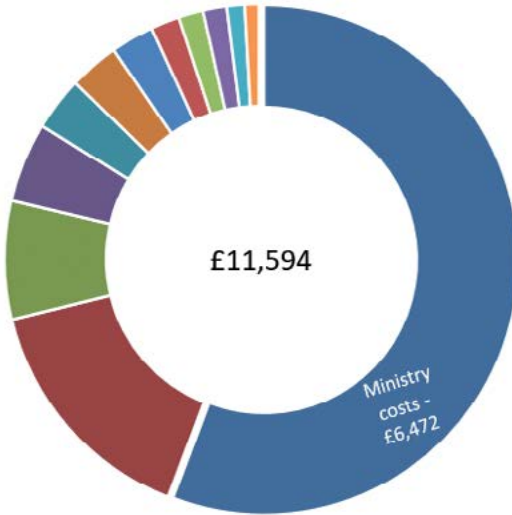
The majority of our total expenditure is on ministry costs - which includes everything from clergy housing, stipends and pensions to training and development for both lay and ordained ministers. Other significant areas of expenditure include the office and administration costs that arise from supporting our parishes and the grants that we give to parishes and deaneries.

INCOME £'000



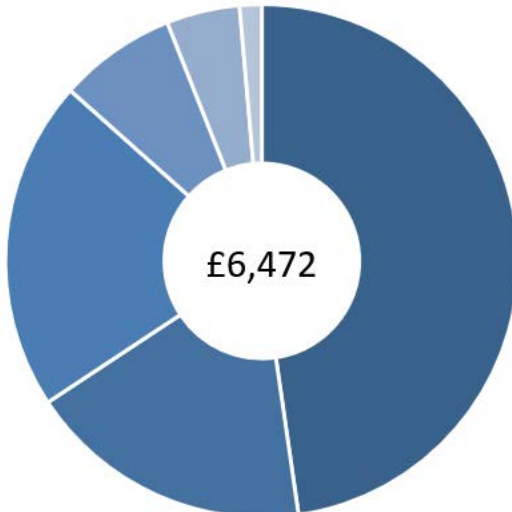
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE £'000



- Ministry costs - £6,472
- Office, admin & other indirect costs - £1,782
- Grants to parishes - £869
- Capital grants for schools - £587
- Strategic investment projects - £395
- Heating and hardship grants - £367
- Children and young people - £317
- Raising funds - £213
- National Church - £182
- Safeguarding - £175
- Governance - £131
- Social Justice - £104

MINISTRY COSTS £'000



- Stipends - £3,088
- Clergy NI and pensions - £1,165
- Clergy housing - £1,350
- Lay and ordained training - £480
- Other ministry costs - £299
- Senior clergy - £90

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: 2023 AND BEYOND



The kingdom-building work of Canterbury Diocese - our commitment to social justice, our mission, ministry, evangelism and education - is only made possible thanks to the enormous generosity and commitment of our parishes. We do not take this lightly and continue to work hard to address our issues of financial sustainability. Alongside the careful work of budgeting, forecasting and identifying cost savings, we are also working to increase the support we offer to parishes in their fundraising, stewardship and finances. The finance team now includes a generous giving advisor and we are looking to expand our expertise in this area so that we can assist parishes with fundraising for projects in addition to growing resources to fund day-to-day mission.

OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR PARISHES



Friendly and helpful advice from our knowledgeable and supportive Finance team - call 01227 459401 or email finance@diocant.org



Transparency - all our key financial reports are made available on our website. Can't find what you need? Call us and we'll be happy to help.



Communication - we promise to be in touch directly with important updates.