

SAOP Financial Report year ending 31.12.24

The parish finances for the last calendar year are shown on the attached sheet. This year the receipt/expenditure lines have been expanded to give more detailed information. We hope you find this useful.

As of 31.12.24 the parish had £79,220 in its account, but a cheque to cover the recent work on the roof had not been cleared and as this was for £68,197 it is more realistic to think that the parish started 2025 with £11,023 in the account.

Income

The amounts received from parishioners (both with and without gift aid), has remained remarkably similar to the previous year. The £4k of gift aid in the report actually underestimates the amount we are expecting, as this figure only includes gift aid from small donations and the remainder will be claimed soon.

The amount raised from fund raising (just over £8k), includes the Parish Appeal for the roof, donations towards the new Liturgical books, the Curry Night and the Parish Xmas social event.

The line below fund raising (“other income”) now includes the call out fees that are paid by the OUH Trust to the hospital chaplain for out of hours work (the basic salary is not received by the parish). The £453 is from August 2024 when the service level agreements were finalised.

Hall income has increased this year by almost £3k, and this reflects both an increase in regular bookings and also many one off bookings for social events. Although still down from pre-Covid years this increase is encouraging.

The income from car park permit holders (mainly workers at the JR), is constant and remains a secure source of parish income. The introduction of the RingGo app for non-permit holders and non-parishioner use has shown a steady income of approximately £400 a month. This has yet to be included in the table attached, but the use of the app from September - December 2024 has raised £895.

The income that we receive from other churches using our facilities (church and hall), is now being identified separately, and last year this

raised nearly £9k, which if maintained will be a secure and substantial contribution to our finances.

The £10k of “other income (exceptional)” was a generous grant from the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust specifically to contribute to the roof repair. The finance committee encourages the parish to participate in their annual “Ride and Stride” event in 2025 (as in years gone by), to express our appreciation for this generosity. 50% of any sponsorship raised in this event comes directly back to the parish.

Expenditure

Church and presbytery running costs, along with non-clergy wages (the cleaner for hall, the cleaner for presbytery and the part time parish administrator), have remained constant over the last few years.

The increase in spending on “repository, newspapers, candles and other”, is explained by both the increased use of the church by other churches (and the resultant increased need for candles, hosts, altar wine etc).

There was a significant increase in the parish levy (from just under £14k to almost £22.5k). This is money that we have to pay to the archdiocese and is calculated on the basis of our income. It seems a large increase and this is being checked with the archdiocese.

2025 has unfortunately started with a new problem for the parish with regards a potential problem with our gas supply. At the time of this report this is being investigated, but there is concern that there will be financial implications for the coming year, either to rectify the problem or to take the stress off the current system by changing the means of heating the church and/or hall. With this in mind whilst thanking parishioners for their generosity in 2024, the Finance Committee asks for continued support for fund raising opportunities and for all taxpayers to consider gift aiding their contributions if they are not doing so already.

Best wishes and may God Bless us all in the coming year,

SAOP Finance Committee.

February 2025

Any queries concerning this report can be directed to Fr Emmanuel directly or by email to the FC chair (jane.kennett@googlemail.com).

Year ending 31st December 2024 - Oxford, St. Anthony of Padua

		2024	2023	2022
Main Receipts				
Gift Aided offertories and donations		18,790.00	21,015.44	14,175.51
> <i>Offertories</i>	17,250.00			
> <i>Donations</i>	1,540.00			
Non-Gift Aided offertories and donations		24,944.31	24,718.91	28,235.87
> <i>Offertories</i>	21,681.60			
> <i>Donations</i>	3,262.71			
Gift Aid refunds (excl. April 2023 - April 2024)		3,990.00	11,710.38	0.00
Fund raising		8,148.50	-	2,815.33
Other income (e.g. votive candles & repository, call out)		5,008.48	4,433.72	3,617.77
> <i>Votive Candles</i>	4,404.42			
> <i>Call Out</i>	452.94			
> <i>Repository</i>	151.12			
Hall rental		11,761.94	8,798.94	5,270.76
Car park revenue (excluding Smart Parking)		11,301.00	11,108.87	10,867.55
Legacies received		-	-	0.00
Interest received		405.33	586.21	68.90
Liturgical and Pastoral (Syro-Malabar, El-Shaddai, St Marys)		8,155.65		
> <i>El-Shaddai</i>	550.65			
> <i>Syro-Malabar</i>	6000			
> <i>St Mary's Indian</i>	820			
> <i>Flowers</i>	40			
> <i>BRC DTR (Birmingham Diocesan Trust Fund)</i>	745			
Other income (exceptional)		10,000.00	-	33,000.00
External grant received (furlough)		-	-	0.00
Total receipts		102,505.21	82,372.47	98,051.69
Main expenditure				
Church running costs and maintenance: liturgical and pastoral		12,452.40	15517.08	12,622.82
> <i>Flowers</i>	441.54			
> <i>books & subs (wmm, cts, envelopes, CTMN)</i>	1,046.70			
> <i>Gas, Electricity, Water</i>	5,013.86			
> <i>Property costs (Fire Protection, window cleaning, repairs*)</i>	5,950.30			
Presbytery running costs & maintenance: non-clergy wages		27,161.36	15381.67	17,247.73
> <i>Gas & Electricity, Water (includes council tax)</i>	12,542.53			
> <i>House - Domestic</i>	687.74			
> <i>Payroll</i>	11,008.80			
> <i>Property costs (Carpet, key cutting, Curtains, Sky digital)</i>	2,922.29			
Repository, newspapers, candles and other		858.01	492.21	147.99
Clergy allowances and expenses, including due to clergy		9,665.59	6295.02	4,720.60
> <i>Allowances</i>	4,296.00			
> <i>Expenses</i>	4,369.99			
> <i>other costs (retreats, etc)</i>	999.60			
Parish levies (paid to diocese)**		22,413.52	13832.12	11,646.88
Office expenses (equipment, excl. wages)		1,446.89	1181.93	1,756.13
> <i>Stamps and toner</i>	172.89			
> <i>Telephone, internet</i>	1,274.00			
Interest paid/bank charges		690.73	679.26	324.32
Insurance		2,598.99		
> <i>Archdiocese insurance</i>	2488.85			
> <i>Archdiocese Xcentra H&S</i>	110.14			
Exceptional - building works			0	0.00
Total main expenditure		77,287.49	£53,379.29	48,466.47
Parish surplus/deficit		25,217.72	28,993.18	49,585.22

*Includes:

Uniheat & Sonedd boiler repairs

** £5,603.38 per quarter