

Finance Committee AGM Report

I took over the Chair of the committee during the course of the last year. Brian Malone remains an active member of the Committee but I would first like to thank him for his years of service as our Chair, we are very grateful for his guidance and leadership. We also welcomed Larissa Manfrinato Freitas and Denzil Thomas to the Committee this year.

The Parish's financial position has remained healthy throughout the year. I'm pleased to report that following the Planned Giving campaign led by Fr David, Anne Buttrum and Matt Greene it is improving and the weekly/monthly donations have increased by approximately £1,400 per month. We are grateful for the generosity of Parishioners who have made additional contributions against the backdrop of the difficult financial climate.

Thanks also to the Parish Secretary, Hazel Simmons for collating and actioning all the information for the Planned Giving campaign and for supporting the Committee throughout the year.

As part of the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the Church, Parish Hall, Presbytery and Church grounds, the Committee has worked closely with Fr David throughout the year to consider and approve various improvements. These have included roof maintenance (I tried to follow Fr David up onto the roof of the Parish Hall!), health and safety improvements e.g. new handrails at the Church entrance and considering how areas of the smooth concrete may be made less slippery; the lightening and electrical installations; and ongoing tree surgery. These continue to be significant matters for the Committee to consider at each meeting on behalf of the Parish.

In summary, we are pleased by the continued and promising growth in both weekly and monthly giving which we believe is partly due to the success of the Planned Giving campaign but also the new parishioners joining the Parish which we are all pleased to see.

Robert Lee

Chair, Finance Committee

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