

# Financial Briefing



Good morning to all on a blustery day.....so what has been happening since I last reported to you.

1. Rooms 7/8 in Old Vicarage has now been occupied by Just42
  - a. Rooms 1, 2 and 9 are available for use but must be booked via Church Office. Please do not assume that they will be available.
2. The equipment in the church vestibule for payments is finally now up and running as it should after a challenging few weeks of effort to get the device to stay on as required.
3. Although two video entry systems controlled at 3 points in the building are yet to be installed, they are planned for October. Two points for St John's visitors and one for Just42. Neither door will be left on the latch once the system has been installed which is expected to occur within the next few months due to commitments of our electrician.

As we approach the end of financial 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025 for the church, it is clear that the year which has brought some challenges but also plenty of opportunities. However, the current status of our accounts for period to 31 August, 2025 is as follows :

1. Our total income, too date, is in line with budgets although :
  - a. Our gift aid income is down by 8% overall. Thus impacting the amount of gift aid which we are able to claim.
  - b. Our pledged giving is 2% behind budget too.
2. Continued thanks to all our members who continue to give so generously.
  - a. If you are able to gift aid but have not completed a form, can I ask you to contact me as it makes a huge difference. We would be most grateful.
3. The agreement for the tenants for Andersons Way expired on 31 July but we have agreed with the tenants to continue on a rolling one month contract in the light that our need for the premises is not immediate.
4. We are now receiving monthly income from Just42 for the hire of Rooms 7/8

With regard to costs, ongoing costs of running the church activities are running slightly behind budget.

1. Staff costs continue to run 41% behind budget as a result of the loss of staff and awaited recruitments of new members of the team .
2. As has been notified elsewhere, the deposit of the Church family holiday 2026 has been committed by PCC and paid.

If you would like a copy of the financial statement or wish to discuss any elements of the briefing, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Treasurer@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk](mailto:Treasurer@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk) or at the Church Office on most Mondays and Tuesdays.