

Where do the Church Finances Go?

At the start of 2011 the PCC were predicting that a difficult year lay ahead in relation to finances. However, as the year progressed the future started to look brighter and by the end of the year we were very fortunate to only have a small deficit. This short update is to provide some indication of what the Church finances are used for, clearly there is insufficient space to include everything so only the major expenditure is shown and a full report will be available for everyone at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Payment of the Annual Parish Share to the Diocese £38,947

Donations to Charities £2,277

Donation to Reside £1,000

Gas / Electricity etc. £1,335

Upkeep of Church Services (the majority of the costs of providing Church services) £2,512.

In total expenditure for the year was almost £50,000. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who provides finance to help us meet these huge costs.

Future Events

On February 18th the Social Committee are organising a Games and Fish and Chip Supper in the Church Hall starting at 7pm. Tickets are available from Graham Dew priced at £6. This was a very enjoyable evening when it was run last year, so do come along and have a night out and a chance to chat to other people and have a bit of fun. No games too energetic.

Funerals

5th January Baby Angel Roughton

12th January Lillian (Lily) Bowler

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The Good Shepherd **February Focus 2012**

Please see the calendar in the centre for Services. Meetings and Other Events.

Focus on Resources

Most churches seem short of resources both financial and human. This is something we tried to look at on our Church Council Away Day in November.

In some churches the giving of the tithe i.e. ten per cent of one's income to the church is considered a must –this is based on an Old Testament principle. Some would say this is the absolute minimum for a Christian as we are called to offer everything we have and are in God's service. Whatever conclusion we come to we cannot escape the call of Christ to be generous and give very sacrificially to our church, community and individuals in need. The church in turn should be a generous giver to mission and charity. At the moment the Good Shepherd is trying to raise £25000 for a Church Army worker for the Reside Church project on the new estate. Can you help? (Please see enclosed leaflet)

Of even more importance the church, community and world needs you to give generously of your gifts and time. What are your gifts and how should you use them in Christ's service? Please pray about this and if you think you have something to offer or don't know how you can help please talk to our ministers Eric and Rosie or a Church Council Member.

Finally thank you to all those who help so much.

The Good Shepherd Church
Park Road Loughborough

February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			9.30am Holy Communion 2.45pm Wednesday Friendly Christians in a troubled land. Rev. Paul Stevens 5.30pm Prayer Meeting 7.30pm Stage Group	1.30pm Ladies Bible Fellowship Meeting 336 Beacon Road Contact Jill Widdowson on 266341 for further details	10am Toddler Club	10 – 11.30am Kidz Klub Outwoods Edge School
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8am Holy Communion Traditional Prayer Book 8.45am Parish Breakfast 10am ATC Parade Service and Sunday Club	5.30pm Prayer Meeting	9.15am Informal Prayer Meeting 7.30pm House Group meeting 175 Park Road	9.30am Holy Communion 2.45pm Wednesday Friendly Christian Aid in Africa. Mary Anderson 5.30pm Prayer Meeting 7.30pm Stage Group	1.30pm Ladies Bible Fellowship Meeting 336 Beacon Road	10am Toddler Club	10 – 11.30am Kidz Klub Outwoods Edge School
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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