



Please reflect upon the following:

- How am I using my time, talents and treasure to glorify God and benefit my Parish community?
- Does my financial contribution to the Parish reconcile my means with its needs?
- Do I give regularly, using a standing order or weekly envelopes or via CollectIn?
- Do I give efficiently, using Gift Aid if I pay UK tax, to ensure that my Parish gets the most out of my contributions?
- How can I share my time and talents with my Parish community?

Next week you will be able to:

- * Sign up to share your time and talents in service to your Parish.
- * Review & renew the amount you currently give.
- * Sign up to Gift Aid your donations if you pay UK tax.
- * Make your offering by Standing Order – bring your bank details (Acct no. & Sort code) with you in this case.

However you decide to help, we are grateful.

If you have any questions, please ask a volunteer after Mass or contact:

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WEEK 2 THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



OUR PARISH OUR RESPONSIBILITY

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK
Registered Charity Number 1173050

“For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means.” – Corinthians 8:3

The Parish of the Good Shepherd

has a rich history as the spiritual centre in our lives. As Stewards responsible for the gifts received from God, we must look after our beautiful churches & pass them on to future generations in excellent condition.



Like any household, our Parish has to:

- Cover day-to-day running costs.
- Pay for building costs & repairs.
- Support Parish Programmes and Projects.
- Save a % of our income for emergency repairs & future projects.

How we operated in 2023*

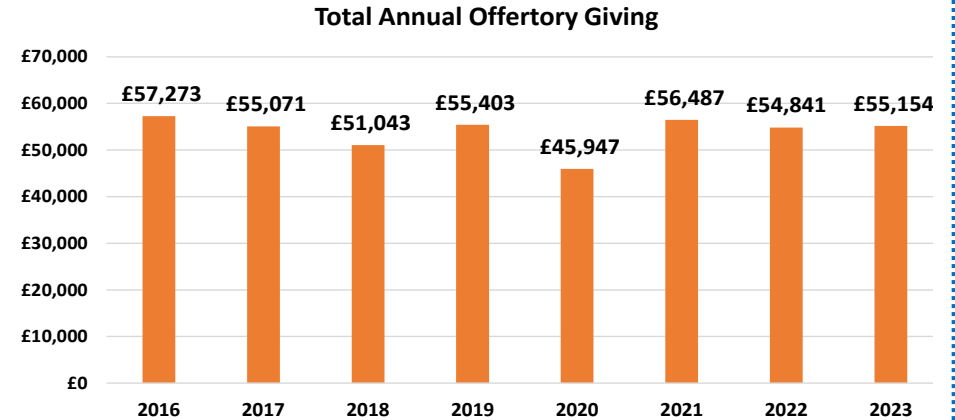
Income		Expenditure	
Offertory (Gift Aid Envelopes)	£5,942	Parish Ministry	£16,430
Offertory (Loose Cash)	£21,804	Heat, Light, Water, Council Tax & Insurance	£17,029
Offertory (Standing Order)	£20,364	Diocesan Assessments	£21,039
Offertory (Card)	£7,044	Office & Administration	£19,454
Third Party Collections	£7,546	Donations for third party collections	£15,341
Specific donations & Gift Aid	£18,097	Supplies, Maintenance, Facilities & Equipment	£18,738
Rental Income	£14,900	Property Repairs & Renewals	£14,703
Other Parish Income- Incl. Fundraising, Poor Box, Repository, Candles Sundry	£12,511	Other Parish Expenses - incl. Candles, Repository, Parish Activities, Fundraising	£7,607
Total	£108,208	Total	£130,341
Savings (£)	-£22,133	Savings Rate (%)	-20%

* Draft summary, subject to final approval.

Thanks to your support, our churches and Parish buildings are in good condition, having spent over **£52,206** in the last 3 years on necessary repairs and maintenance. **In the future we will have a major improvement at St Finbar's and a major project for the Hall in Dover.**

But did you know that...

In real terms, offertory collections have dropped since 2016



Gift Aid is easy to do, doesn't cost you a penny and helps run and sustain our Parish its buildings and its contents.

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If you pay tax, you can easily Gift Aid, which automatically increases your donation by adding a quarter more at no cost to you.

- 50% of donations were Gift Aided in 2023
- If more people signed up to Gift Aid, we could receive up to an extra **£6,837** each year back from HMRC.

Gift Aid allows us to receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate!

Standing Order is one of the best ways to support our Parish!

A standing order is an instruction to your bank to make regular fixed payments to our Parish. This provides secure, regular income that is easy to Gift Aid, easy to reconcile and takes less time than counting loose change each week. You do not need to worry about getting cash each week for Mass.

You can set up your Standing Order next week all you need is your account number & sort code.

Methods of Giving 2023

