

ST JUDE'S SOUTHSEA

MAKING JESUS THE HEART OF SOUTHSEA

GIVING

2024

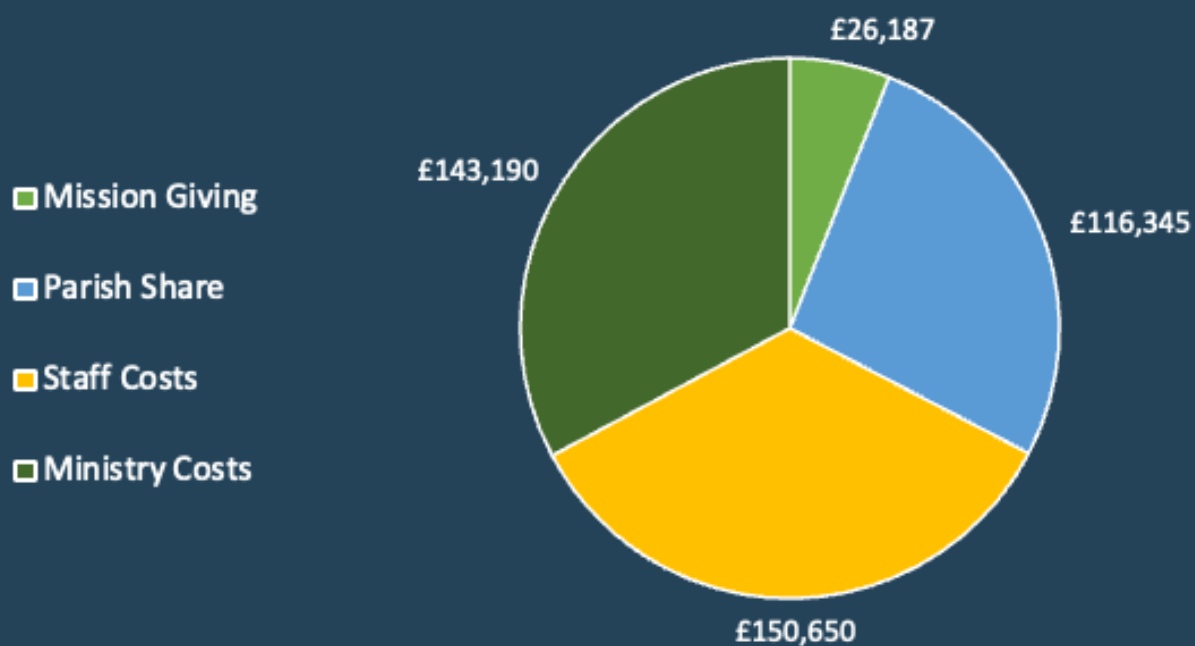


How do we use the money you give?

Roughly speaking, the money we spend is split into 4 large pots:

- **Mission Giving:** We give away 10% of donations to church as a tithe to support missions both locally and globally, recognising that as a church we are blessed to be a blessing.
- **Parish Share:** We give a large portion of money to Portsmouth diocese (the collection of churches, overseen by Bishop Jonathan, to which we belong) through a 'parish share' scheme. This pays firstly for the salary and housing costs of our clergy (Adam and Neil) and contributes to the wider costs of the diocese. We give more than we cost to enable mission and ministry in less well-off parts of the diocese.
- **Staff Costs:** As of 1st November 2023, we have 7 paid staff, although many of these are part-time. This equates to just under 4 full-time members of staff (beyond our clergy). Half of the salary of our youth minister is paid for by a combination of a contribution from St Simon's church, and a grant from a charitable trust.
- **Ministry Costs:** This pays for all the things we do, from our Cream Tea for the community, to the ongoing building and maintenance costs of the church.

What are we on track to spend in 2023?



This is a total of around £436k. If everyone continues to give as they have so far for the rest of 2023, we project our income will be around £406K. This is a projected deficit of £30k, of which around £8k is covered by some specific reserves (for example, some youth grants we received in 2022), leaving a deficit on our general fund of around £22k. We have seen an increase in our income this year, mainly through the generosity of our church members, particularly after a Gift Day in the spring. Sadly, we have also seen a continued increase in our expenditure, largely due to work done to our buildings (specifically the roof above the upper room) and our increased running costs. Over the summer, alongside making some significant cuts to our staffing, mission and ministry expenditure, the PCC agreed that we would withhold a portion of our parish share in 2023 to cover this projected deficit. We have done this in conversation with the diocese, but it remains an outstanding debt which we'll need to pay as soon as we can. The PCC remains committed to balancing our budgets, paying our full parish share and rebuilding our reserves to the recommended level of £50k.

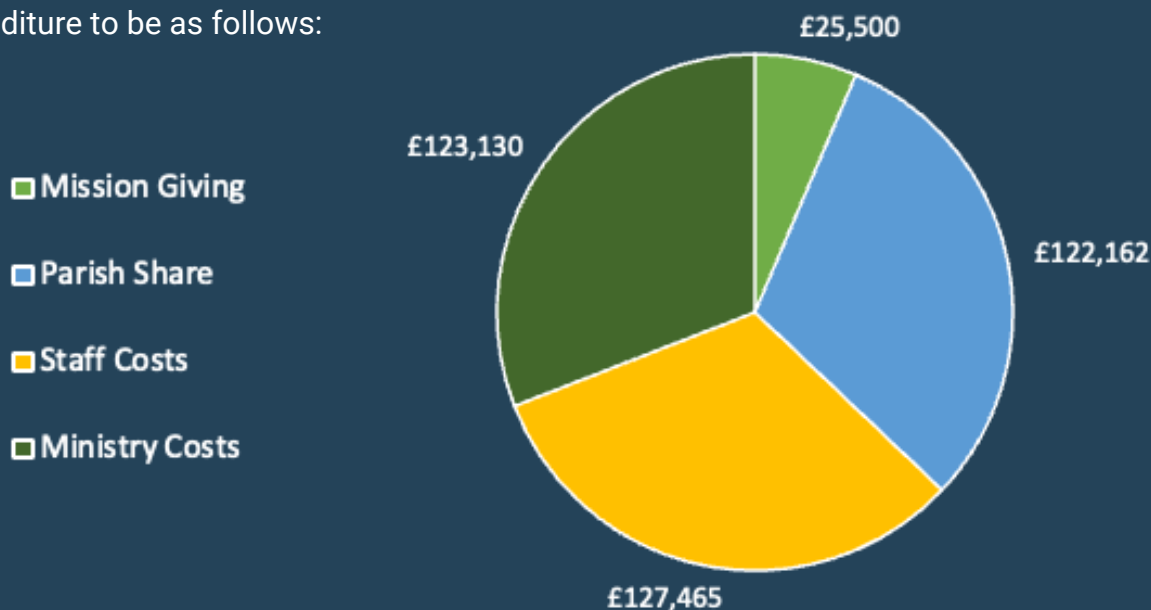
What has this enabled us to do?

Our vision is to make Jesus the heart of Southsea. 2023 has seen us developing the initiatives put in place when we set our vision. In addition to our focus on worship, prayer and teaching, this includes:

- Continuing our fantastic **Outreach events**, such as our Cream Tea and We Love Southsea event, which each saw over 350 people coming to our church and garden. This is alongside our wonderful work with **Friday Fridge** supporting some of the most vulnerable in our community.
- The growth of our work with **Children**, particularly the growth and strength of our Sunday groups.
- The beginning of new ministry with **Youth** across the city, with the launch of Eden, a new project for youth in Southsea, alongside the continued development of our pre-existing ministry.
- The development of our sung worshipping community, particularly with the launch of **Dwell**, our monthly gathering with churches across the city to seek God and His Kingdom.
- The continued growth of our work with **Older Adults**, including the addition of a number of Anna Friends, and the growth of ministry to the care homes in our parish.
- Strengthening our relationships in the **Deanery and Diocese** and continuing our giving and support to the work of **Mission** both locally and globally.
- Continual maintenance and development of our **Building**, seeing it regularly used for our many events and activities and enjoyed by others as well.

What about 2024?

In November each year, the PCC meet to agree on the budget for the year ahead, but given the difficulty we have seen this year, we have looked at an earlier draft. In 2024 we expect our expenditure to be as follows:



This is a total of just over £398k, which is less than we spent in 2023 as the PCC continues to move towards a balanced budget. To break even we would require an increase in giving of around 5%.

What can I do?

- **PRAY** - this is the first and most important thing we ask. Jesus tells us to pray to the Lord of the Harvest to stir up workers.
- If you can, please **GIVE**, either for the first time, or by committing to continue or to increase your giving.
- And **SERVE**. There are lots of ways you can serve the church to enable us to see the Kingdom of God grow: you can find more details on our website www.sjs.church/serving.

You can use the form on the back of this flyer to commit to St Jude's for the following year.

Commitment 2024



Scan this QR code on your phone to give online

Name.....

Address.....

Contact E-mail/Phone

Prayer and Serving

(Please tick all that apply)

- I am committing today to pray for the vision of St Jude's regularly.
- I would like to commit to continue serving towards the vision of St Jude's.
- I would like to explore serving in a new way. Please contact me to discuss this.

Giving

(Please tick all that apply)

- I would like to change my giving, or I would like to start giving regularly for the first time. I would like to give £ per week/month/year.
This will begin from (date)
- I would like to give a one-off gift to the vision and mission of St Jude's. I would like to give £.....
- I already give to the work of St Jude's and do not wish to change this amount at this stage.
- I have taken a Parish Giving Scheme pack to set up regular giving.
- I will set up my own standing order.
 - I need you to send me the bank details for the church.
- I will give by cash / text message / through ChurchSuite (www.sjs.church/giving)
- I give by Standing Order/PGS already and will amend, but please remind me.

Gift Aid Declaration

- I am a UK taxpayer intending tax to be reclaimed on this gift. *giftaid it*
I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.
 - I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years.**
- I am not able to gift aid this donation

Signed Date.....