

Stewardship at St Mary's 2019

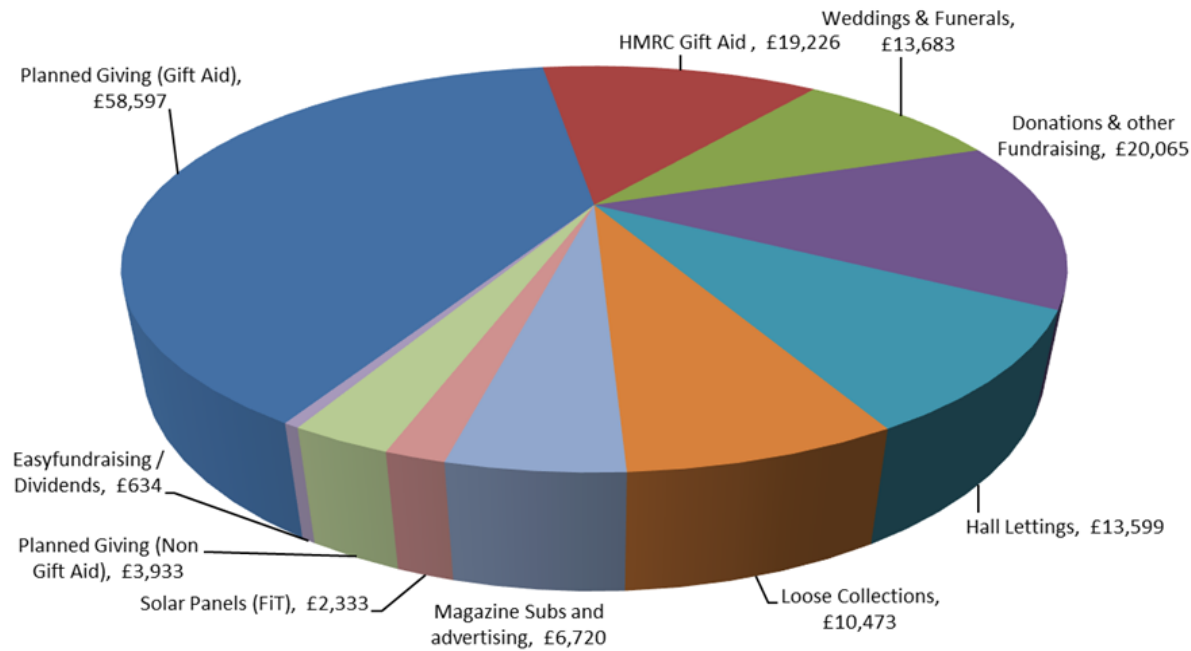


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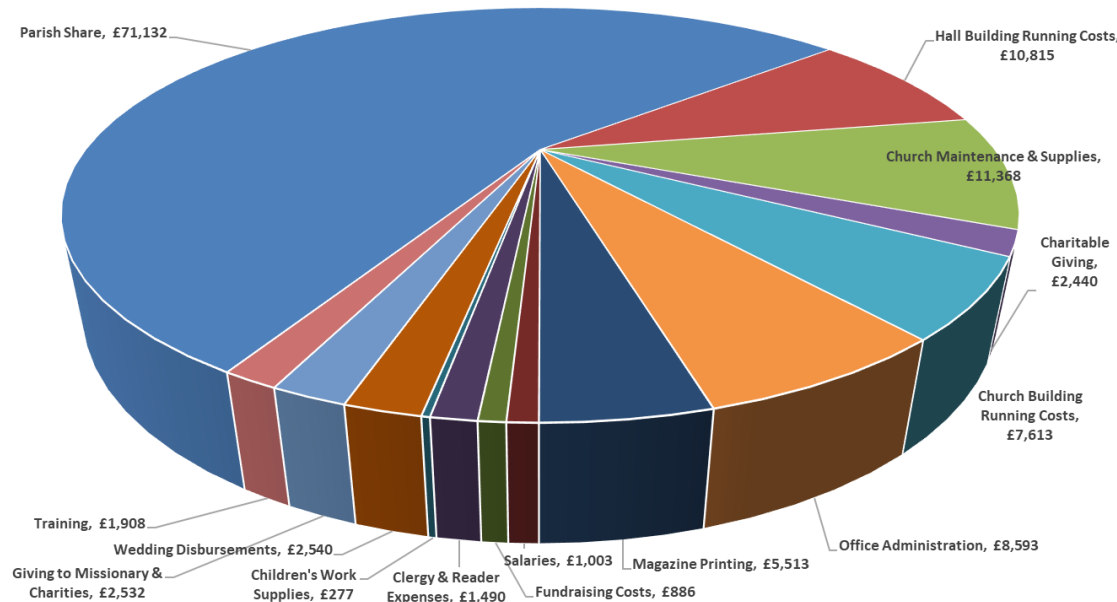


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St Mary's Income 2018 £149,262



St Mary's Expenditure 2018 £128,109



In 2018 St Mary's spent £139,810 (£351 every day)

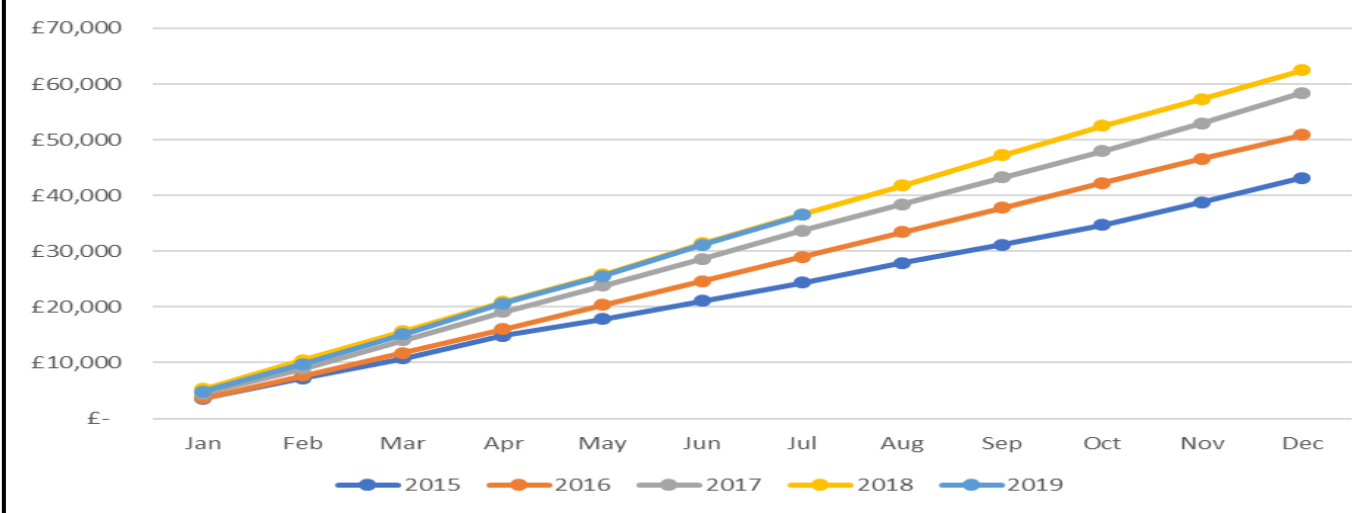
Let's Celebrate! Thank you!

The good news is that Planned Giving has increased over the past five years and in 2019 is about 50% higher than it was in 2015. Thank you to everyone!

Giving is part of our worship and service and a practical outworking of our faith.

Since St Mary's is a charity the majority of our income is from donations. Planned Giving is vital for us, as knowing our monthly income enables us to plan ahead. We use the Parish Giving Scheme to help you give easily and regularly. Taxpayers who can Gift Aid their donations allow us to claim an extra 25% direct from HMRC: can you do this?

2015/16 /17/18/19 Planned Giving Comparison
(excl tax recoverable) (As of July 2019)



Let's Plan Ahead

In 2019 we will collect about £80k from Planned Giving (incl Gift Aid), while our anticipated expenditure for the 2019 full year will be around £160k. £30k of this amount is the cost of the urgent repairs to the roof and west window which was completed in March 2019. The remaining difference of about £50k must be made up by our fundraising, other collections, hiring of the Church Hall facilities, and Weddings and Funerals. A similar position is expected for 2020.

Parish Share – the portion of our income that we pay to the Diocese as our contribution towards the funding of Church Schools, Vicarages, Training, Central Administration and Churches in poorer areas. This also benefits ourselves and others. The amount we pay is set by the diocese: in 2019 it is over £74k, over £6k each month. In 2020 we expect it to be nearer £80k.

2020 & Beyond

Emergencies & Repairs – Our latest five-year Structural Survey revealed that we need to spend up to an additional £50k on repairs to the structure of St Mary's Church within the next three years. Some of this work was completed in March 2019 but further work must be undertaken when money is available, so we need to explore funding options.

Church Hall - The hall facilities are dated: the boiler has been replaced at a cost of over £3k, and additional roof repairs of around £4k are necessary. We would like to keep the facilities attractive to potential hirers; so, for example, a new kitchen costing around £20k must be budgeted for.

150th Anniversary - 2021 We would like to commemorate this with the installation of a new stained glass window next to the Grand Piano. Design plans and costs are being finalised, following which we will need to raise funds.

Charitable Giving - Since last year we have tithed our charity giving so that each charity receives the same amount. In 2018 the amount was 4.3% of our income (excluding our income from Hall lettings, Magazine and Wedding and Funeral Fees). After paying our Parish Share it was about 11% of our available "disposable" income) and we hope to be able to increase it gradually each year.

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