

Good news for every day of the week

We are not just here on a Sunday morning! As well as baptisms, weddings and funerals, we share the good news through:

School visits, assemblies, lunch clubs and many other activities



Opportunities to develop faith through taught courses and home groups

Work with local groups such as the Royal British Legion, Sea Cadets, Scouts and Guides.



Civic occasions including Remembrance Day



Support for those who mourn, including visiting and our In Loving Memory and Baby Loss services

Visiting the sick and housebound.

Activities for young and old, from our Little Fishes toddler group and Messy Church, to free Soup Lunches



And much more!

How to Give

Although you can give in the plate during our regular church services, using a yellow gift-aid envelope if you can, please **join our planned giving scheme**

Why Planned Giving:

Planned giving helps us budget and it helps you to support the ongoing work of this church even when you are unable to attend a regular service.

How it works:

If you sign up to the scheme you can give through weekly envelopes, a monthly standing order from your bank, or, new from this year, via a direct debit to the **Parish Giving Scheme**.

If you already give regularly, we encourage you to move to the Parish Giving Scheme, if you feel able, as this improves our cash flow and significantly decreases administration, releasing time and energy for other things.



For more information please contact:

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Good News and Generous Giving



Planned Giving 2019

Good News!

Gospel:

We are here to share the good news of Jesus Christ with our community and to live his love.

We don't just do this on a Sunday morning, but 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. See the back page for some of the exciting things we get up to from Monday to Saturday.

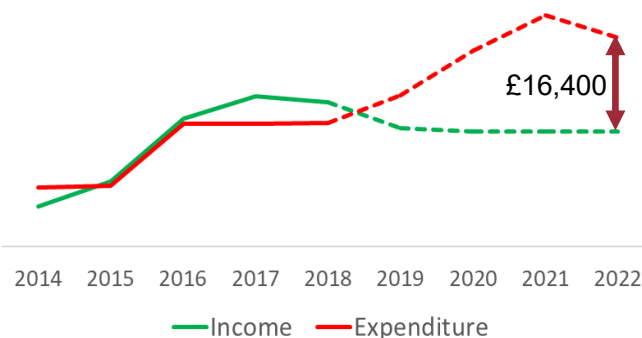
Growth:

Our church family has been blessed with our own good news of growth.

- Our church family has doubled in size in the last 4 years
- We now have a full time curate ministering with us.
- We are developing new leaders, with two lay leaders of worship completing their training and a reader in training.
- Children's church is flourishing and now regularly has 8-10 children on a Sunday



Regular Income & Expenditure 2014-2022



Mind the Gap

Our ministry here requires funding, and as we grow, so do our costs.

By 2022 we estimate that **our expenses will exceed our income by £16,400** even if we experience no further growth.

Our biggest cost, our Parish Share, is directly linked to the size of our worshipping community, but the impact of growth is fed in gradually over 5 years, so it will continue to rise even if our growth slows.

Generous giving

About 60% of our income comes from the regular monthly or weekly donations of the 80 people in our Planned Giving Scheme. A further 20% from other donations. To bridge our funding gap we need to encourage each person to play their part

Could you join our planned givers?

If we are to continue to flourish, we need members of the Church Family to give regularly — every little helps.

Could you give more?

Giving to our planned giving scheme ranges from £5 to over £300 per month

Our average giver gives £30 per month to church, but for the diocese as a whole average giving is £60 and for Bedfordshire alone is £50. Could we be better than average?

