

St. James' Yeovil



"The local church is the hope of the world"
(Bill Hybels)

Your Gifts and God's Kingdom 2025

How your giving enables St. James' to share the love of Jesus with our community.

Our Financial Challenge

We have 3 big financial issues at the moment:

1. We are being asked to pay a bigger proportion of our costs as a church, so our contribution to the Diocese is rising rapidly.
2. We've had a deficit of roughly £10,000 per year for the last 3 years, funded from reserves and Gift Days
3. We have several urgent repairs to do on the church building and on the churchyard boundary walls.

Our recent Gift Day covered this year's deficit, but it would be much better to pay our way as a church without needing Gift Days to plug the gap. We have minimal reserves.

With just over 100 members, an extra £10 per church member per month will mean we break even each year.

So.....

- **If you already give to the church**, are you able to increase your giving?
- **If you pay tax**, do you Gift Aid your gifts to the church? If not, please fill in a Gift Aid form.
- **If you are new to St James, or not a regular giver**, please set up a standing order: Account name: Parochial Church Council of Preston Plucknett, Account no: 80649309, Sort code: 40-47-28 or use the standing order form at the back of church
- If you need any help with these, please talk to Lynne our treasurer lynne.joyce@talk21.com

More fundraising will help too, why not...

- ✓ Run your own fundraiser – a coffee morning at home, a sponsored event, a garage sale...?
- ✓ Join the church events & fundraising team, lots of scope for new members and new ideas – talk to Maureen Harris or Graham Hardacre

- **Ministry expenses**, clergy and children's work expenses
- **Church Building** – heating, lighting, general repairs & maintenance.
- **Mission Giving**, - We give 2.5% of general fund income to our 4 Mission Partners, topped up by Lent and Christmas collections.
- **Other Running Costs**: church supplies, music licences, refreshments, insurance, office costs, worship supplies etc.

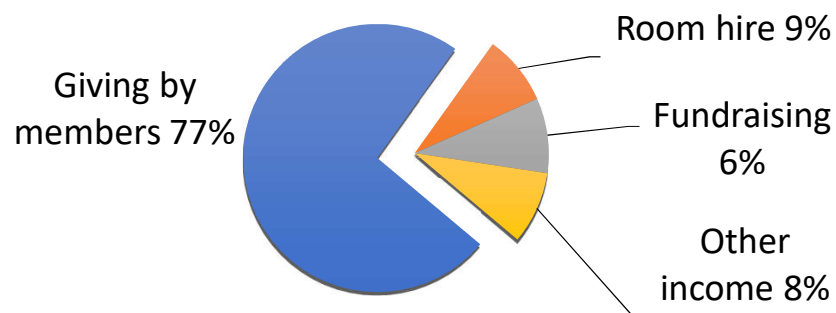
Where does the money come from?

Standing Orders & Envelopes	49,100
Loose Plate Collections	5,900
Gift Aid recovered	12,900
General Donations	1,200
Hire of Church Room	9,000
Fundraising	6,000
Other income (e.g. fees, bank interest)	7,750
Gift Day	11,900
Total Income	103,750
Deficit for 2025 (projected)	2,100

Most of our income – over 75% - comes from the giving of our church members. So if that's you, **THANKYOU!**

We get no additional funds from the Church of England, or anywhere else. All our income comes from church members, or our own fundraising activities.

St James Income 2025



The reason St. James' church exists is to make Jesus known, and to share the love of God with our community.

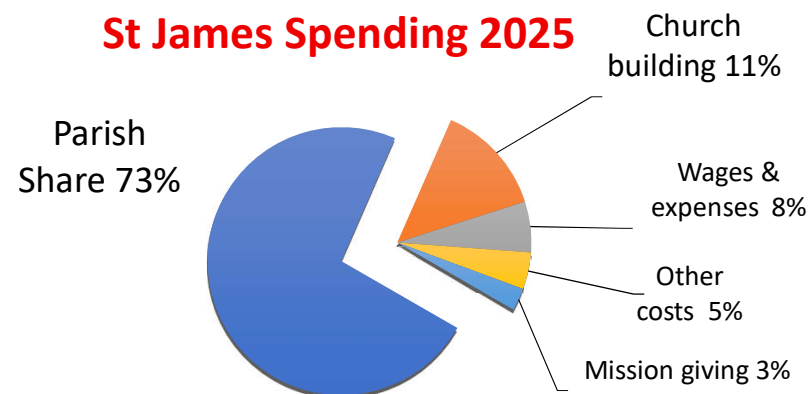
We do that through worship, prayer, work with young and old, in schools, and care homes, in homes, workplaces, community venues and church buildings. To do all that, we also have to pay the bills.

What do we spend the money on?

Parish Share (our contribution to clergy & diocesan costs)	76,290
Wages (admin & cleaning)	8,580
Church Building	11,400
Ministry expenses	1,800
Mission and Charity Giving	2,600
Other running costs	5,180
Total Expenditure	105,850

The salaries for our Youth Worker and Family and Childrens Worker are funded from Gift Days, and some regular donations. Along with St Peters, we invest a further £25,000 per year in this vital work.

St James Spending 2025



What's covered:

- **'Parish Share'**, - Paid to the Diocese this covers clergy salary, pensions, housing, and training of new clergy, plus a range of Diocesan support services (training, legal, finance, safeguarding, mission etc.)
- **Wages** covers wages for our Parish Administrator and Cleaner, plus wages linked to weddings (verger, bellringers)