

St. James' Yeovil



*“The local church is the hope of the world”
(Bill Hybels)*

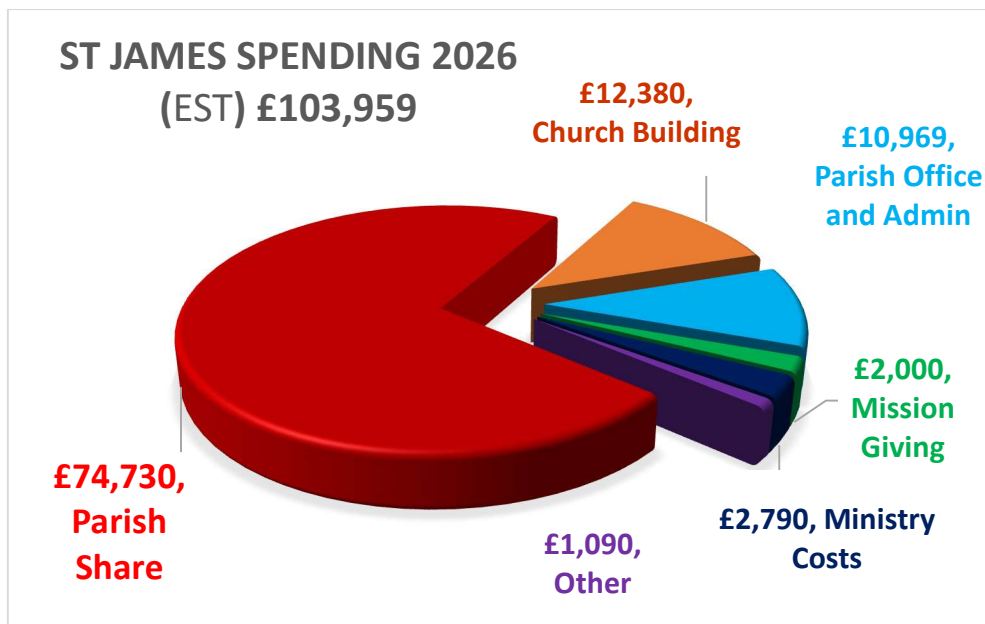
Giving Review 2026

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

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.

Spending Summary for 2026



'Parish Share', covers clergy salary, pensions, housing, and training of new clergy, plus a range of Diocesan support services (training, legal, finance, safeguarding, mission etc.)

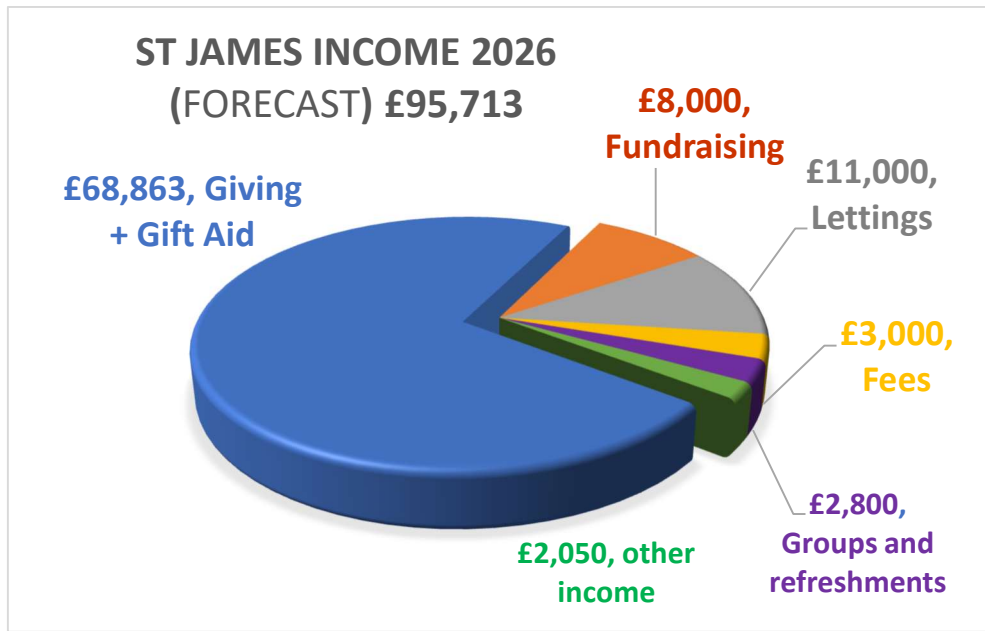
Church Building – heating, lighting, cleaning, insurance, general repairs & maintenance.

Ministry Costs: clergy and children's work expenses, church items for worship (candles, communion wine, music licenses etc.)

Mission Giving, - We give 2.5% of general fund income to our 4 Mission Partners, topped up by Lent and Christmas collections.

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.

How do we pay for all of this?



Most of our income – around 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.

Alongside giving and Gift Aid, our main sources of income are fundraising events (like Coffee+, and the Flower Festival planned for September) and hire of the church room to outside groups.

As you can see, there is an £8,000 gap between our income and spending. We have the bare minimum of reserves. We plan to have a Gift Day to support our families work later this year, so it would be great to close that gap through a rise in our regular giving.

£8,000 is £80 per member, or less than the price of 1 cuppa per week. Would you be able to increase your giving to St James this year, or start giving regularly to the church for the first time?

How to Support St James

- **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 (available at the back of church).
- **If you are new to St James, give cash, or are not currently a regular giver**, would you be able to set up a standing order? Here's the details: 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 or Joanna in the parish office 414097

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**, there's lots of scope for new members and new ideas – talk to Maureen Harris or Graham Hardacre

In the last 12 months St James has touched many lives, supporting and blessing church family members, bringing new people to faith, and providing vital community ministries like the Bereavement Café. Everything you give will be used by God to spread the love of Christ.

“Give what you have decided in your heart, not grudgingly or out of duty, God loves it when the giver delights in giving.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)