

Our calling

A church should make a difference.

Jesus calls every church to take his light into the world and the world keeps changing! Together, we have set three aims for the next 5 years:

1. Growing younger

Deepen our witness in schools, our Sunday children's groups and our midweek provision for children and youth by recruiting an experienced Children's, Youth and Families Minister to train, encourage and lead us in this work.

2. Growing broader

Take positive steps to bless the most marginalised people in our parish and welcome them into the life of the church.

3. Growing deeper

Intentionally grow ourselves as disciples of Jesus, and our church as a family, so that we become more Christlike individually and together, and more infectious witnesses to the goodness and grace of Jesus.

This vision can only come to life if we all share in bringing it about.

Our challenge

It takes prayer, time and money to sustain the life and of a church and grow its vision.

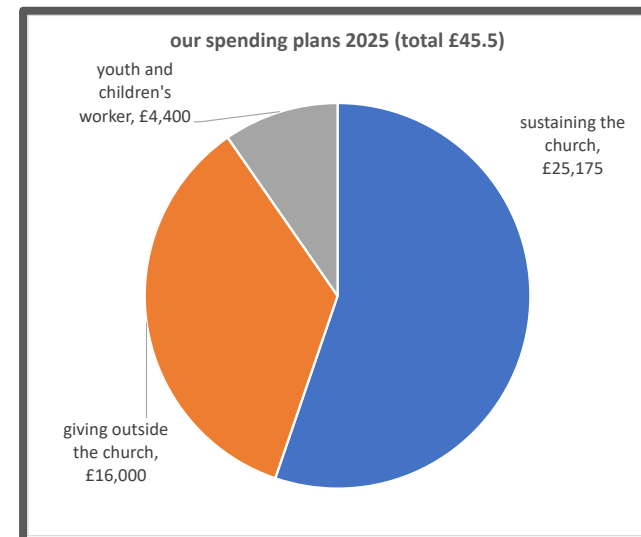
We depend on the partnership of church members and supportive friends & visitors for all these things. We're not funded from the outside.

Here are our costs in 2025.

Simply sustaining the church as it is costs £25K/year.

To contribute towards the cost of our vicar and support other charities the PCC wants to put aside £16K.

To start growing a ministry to children and young people (see 'our calling') we've put aside £4.4K in 2025 and plan to put aside £5.7K in 2026. (God has provided generous grants to cover the rest of this cost.)



Here are our resources for 2025

The **promised generous giving** of current members and supporters of the church amounts to £43K.

Our generous God, who has always provided what is needed for the rest.

Our challenge is to seek God to provide £3,800 more in 2025. (He provided £18K more in 2024).

Our choices

Many of have learned that giving our time and money is good for us.

It makes us partners in something bigger than us that will outlast us.

In fact, God's work will last into eternity (you can't say that for many investments).

It loosens the grip that time and money have over us.

Jesus said, *'You can't serve God and money'* – and it turns out that as you serve God, money seems less compelling and important.

It teaches us that God really can be trusted.

Again and again, Christians find that the more time or money they give the less they seem to lack. Remember, it's all his anyway – even what's in our pocket!

This week is your opportunity to get more involved if you think that's what God wants.

All we ask is that you pray about each of these questions and weigh it up. Be specific.

Could you offer some of your time?

Jim would love to speak to you about what you have passion for – and match you up with part of the church's mission.

Is it time to start giving money?

You can give into the box, use the card-reader, or talk to the giving officer or the treasurer.

Is it time to move to regular planned giving?

We can give you a standing order and gift aid form so that what you give enables us to plan ahead.

Is it time to review how much you give?

Our prayers would be answered if...

- 30 of us gave an average of £2/week extra
- or 15 of us started giving for the first time at £20/month

But remember, **it won't be the same for everyone.**

We share the burden according to our means. *'Your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need.'* (2 Corinthians 8:13).

 **Christ Church**
Hillsborough & Wadsley Bridge

Our church

Christ Church is a very special place.

We've been at the heart of our community for over 125 years. Over those years, countless people have come here to worship God, to find comfort and to find faith. We've blessed many families in the area at key life-events like baptisms, weddings and funerals. We're the place our neighbours come to celebrate Christmas and Easter. We're deeply connected with Parson Cross School and Fox Hill Forum.

Today, we sincerely thank God for his generosity to us, and for inspiring previous generations to build and grow Christ Church.

