



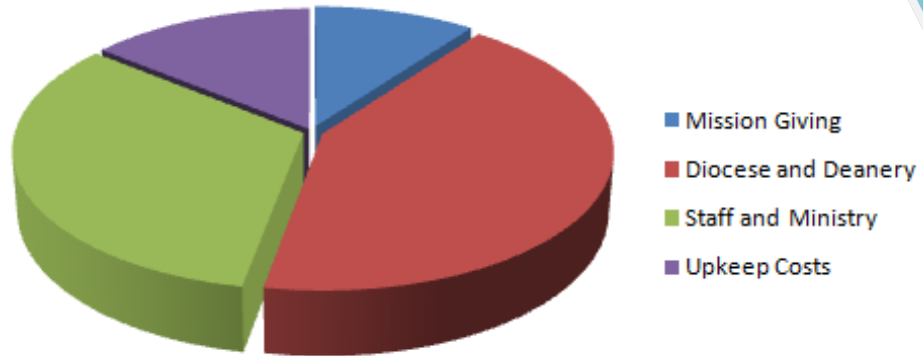
# All Saints' Church

## Preston on Tees

### 2011 FINANCE REPORT

## MISSION FUND

The mission fund has been put to good use this year, with the production of a further two "Community In Touch" newsletters. It was also used to help fund the recent John Archer event so that ticket prices could be kept unbelievably low (with the aid of a £500 grant from Durham Diocese).



## living in the reality of Genesis 41?

Have you heard the one about the thin cows and the fat cows? What about the one about the scorched and healthy grain?

John Lambert recently spoke about dreams in one of his sermons but I don't think he has ever experienced the dreams that Pharaoh had in Genesis 41!

I find it very hard to understand why, in the midst of the current economic climate, All Saints' financial position has grown more healthy. At the start of 2009, the total unrestricted reserves were approximately £10,000. By the end of 2009, this had increased to almost £11,000, however the end of 2010 showed unrestricted reserves of £27,000 and now as we enter 2012 we have £34,000.

The PCC have made the decision to ear-mark £7,500 as designated reserves for one-off items of expenditure that might crop up in the near future and this still leaves us with sufficient operating cash flow to not have to worry about paying salaries or bills for a month or two should the worst happen.

I look forward to the next four years of bumper crops but urge you to pray against the years of famine that could be waiting around the corner!!

### 2011 IN A NUTSHELL...

Income increased by £6,500...

Regular giving from the congregation increased last year by almost £13,000. We also received income from the Solar Panels now installed on the Centre Roof, however one off donations were lower than the previous year, as was the amount of Gift Aid we were able to claim.

Expenditure increased by £3,000...

The Parish Share increased, as did Ministry costs, which include Staff Salaries (we were previously paying a member of staff from the 2009 Gift Day funds). Expenditure on general upkeep costs reduced by almost £4,000 due to the roof repairs in 2010.

Congregational Giving	£172,960
Other income	£15,640
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£188,600</b>

Mission Giving	£18,400
Diocese and Deanery	£76,930
Staff and Ministry Costs	£59,240
Upkeep of Buildings etc	£25,550
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£180,120</b>

**SURPLUS** **£8,480**

## HARDSHIP FUND

The Hardship Fund has had some use during the year and has been a huge blessing to those accessing it. If you know of anyone who might be in need of some urgent financial help please talk to Sylvia Wilson or Karen Snowden.

**“This Church Exists To Worship GOD,  
To Make Disciples, To Share The Good News  
And To Care For Those In Need”**

## the year of the roof...

Forget the ancient Chinese traditions - All Saints' Church seems to have their own take on the things that should take the financial focus.

2011 saw the installation of Photovoltaic Cells on the Centre which was met with great joy by the Environment Group CAfEE. The year ahead brings a new challenge.... the main Church roof!!

Imagine if we no longer had to worry about a leaking roof, or how many tiles the next bout of gales would dislodge, or worry about how much heat was escaping through the roof on a cold Winters' day.

Having spent over £5,000 in 2010 trying to fix gaps in the existing roof, it was decided that a much larger scale project was the only way to move forward. What a blessing it would be to the next generation, and the ones to come, if they had a building that was fit for purpose and certain to survive all different weather conditions!

A group was set up to discuss the possibilities and after initial quotes, it would appear that the total cost is likely to be in the order of £80,000. This figure assumes a complete re-tile of the roof, but also to raise the roof to allow for a layer of insulation to be added without changing the interior of the church.

So... how can we afford that I hear you ask...

It is hoped that by prayer and with a mixture of generosity from members of the congregation and successful grant applications, the required amount can be raised to do the job properly.

Although the Gift Day has now been and gone, it is never too late to decide to donate or pledge a donation to the Roof Project. All money will be gratefully received!!

If you would like more information about the Roof Project, please speak to any member of the PCC who will answer your questions or point you in the direction of someone who can!!

## HOW TO GIVE

Obviously, no financial report would be complete without some information about how to give. At All Saints', two main ways of giving are encouraged:

### STANDING ORDERS

This is by far the easiest both for the Treasurer and for you. We both know how much to expect each month and generally can be relied upon without fail. The downside is that unless you bank online, they are difficult to change and require either a letter or visit to the local branch. Sometimes people who give using this method do not amend their giving for years!



### ENVELOPES

These are ideal for people who enjoy the physical act of giving. They like to put money in the collection plate each week or month. The benefit of this method is that it is easy to change how much you give, however, it is possible to lose the set of envelopes, forget to bring them to church and they obviously do not pay themselves when you are on holiday!

If you want to know more about either of these ways of giving, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

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## prayer requests for 2012

There are many things that I would value prayer support for the year ahead.

I would be grateful if you could commit to setting aside some time in your regular prayer time for the finances of All Saints'.

The things listed are just some things to keep you busy...

Give thanks for everyone who currently gives to All Saints'.

Pray that All Saints' would receive increased regular income from new and/or existing church members so that we can invest the money in God's work.

Pray for everyone responsible for looking after ministry budgets that they would spend money wisely.



Pray that we are able to pay for large unbudgeted items of expenditure as and when they arise.

Give thanks for Margaret Vaughan, Terry Doyle and Gill Wake as they serve with me on the finance team.