

# How do we spend our money?

***Christchurch is very clear about what type of church it wants to be - a doing church!***

## **Our main activities include:**

- Sunday worship including children's groups
- Midweek Communion coffee and chat
- Youth and Children's work
- We have a full-time and part-time youth and children's workers who lead -
  - Sunday worship children's and youth groups
  - Monday Youth Groups
  - Wednesday youth study group
  - The Fridge - open youth group, years 3-6
  - Little Fish - weekly preschool children, parent and carer group
  - The Movement Youth worship attracts people from the Diocese and beyond
- Alpha Courses - finding out about faith
- Any Questions - introduction and exploration of the Christian faith
- LLTF - Living Life To The Full (courses to help build resilience and wellbeing in coping with life)
- Funerals & Weddings
- Bereavement Help
  - Grieve Well Cafe
  - Bereavement Courses and 1:1 grief counselling
  - Annual Memorial service in partnership with funeral Directors
- Christingle (Children's Christmas) services - attract in excess of 800 people
- Women's day conference
- St Nicholas Chantry (linked primary school) Easter, Christmas, Harvest and leavers services
- Rydal Preschool Nursery events at Easter and Christmas with parents /carers
- Christmas tree festival average 1,000 + people over the weekend
- We also make our buildings available to hire to a large number of community activities

## **Our Finances:**

To support our wide range of activities we need to have the resources of people, time, facilities, and of course money. We have to pay for our running costs and to fund new initiatives.

We pay into the CoE and the Methodist church. We also have to pay for any other staff and expenses in the areas of Adult, Youth, and Children's Work and our Administration. We have to maintain our buildings and pay for our heat and light.

### Our costs:

During 2023 were approximately £17,000 per month. This breaks down as follows:

- £10k to CoE and Methodist churches for our clergy and their accommodation as well as other resources
- £4k for our other staff and expenses
- £2k for our building costs
- £1k for outreach (adult, youth, and children)

### Our income:

Giving during 2023 has been approximately £13,500 per month.

So we have a £3,500 deficit between our costs and our income each month. We manage this by two means:

- Additional income from hiring out our church and halls - £2,700 pm
- We could not pay our Youth Worker and youth work costs without a generous legacy that we were given two years ago for this purpose. Although this money will run out within two years
- Generous one-off gifts from members