

Finance Alert — December 2025



We are here to support you and your church



The Finance team at St Mary's house are here to support and guide you and your church, helping you to boost giving and generosity, simplifying your Accounts and Administration and guiding you through now and future changes.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



Thank you to all PCC's who have reached out since the last Finance Alert to start the ball rolling to register with the Charity Commission. For anyone who needs a little reminder of the future changes, please see below

ALL Church of England PCC's with an income of over £5,000 will have to register with the Charity Commission by March 31 2031. Churches with an income of over £100,000 must already be registered or if not you must register immediately.

If this applies to you please email Karen Brooke for more information, advice and guidance at parishresources@lichfield.anglican.org

Lichfield Expo



2026 we want to support you by providing a special expo, allowing you to pop along and chat to the specialist and meet people from others churches. Please complete your expression of interest if this is something that would benefit you.

Just click the link below let us know

[Expo Expression of Interest – Fill in form](#)

Contactless Devices



Christmas Tree services, Nativity and Carol Singing will soon be upon us.

Events at your church means that more visitors to your church could have the opportunity to tap and donate when visiting your church this festive Season.

Did you know..... That Digital donations made up 38% of all payments in 2022.

If you are thinking of taking the contactless leap before 2026 drop Julie a message and we can discuss what is right for your church.

parishresources@lichfield.anglican.org

Resources



Were you aware that we can provide you with Resources to help you find your way and grow your potential?

Treasurer Training Resources
ACAT membership
My Fund Accounting
My Giving online

Any many more

Please drop us an email at

parishresources@lichfield.anglican.org

For more information

Cornerstone Update

Our Pilot Workshops have now completed and we would like to thank all of the churches who joined together to embark on their new cornerstone journey. Check out our Cornerstone special article on the link below and if you would like to join us on the next Cornerstone training please sign up via the link.

[Cornerstone - Diocese of Lichfield](#)



Water Meters

We are looking a bit green over here.

Did you know that we are in the process of installing water Meters into all of our Diocesan properties. This will hopefully save both water and money. If you are living in a clergy house and have not yet converted please drop our water Guro Jean Overton an email at parishresources@lichfield.anglican.org and she will be able to send over more details.



Up and coming Diary Dates:-

Fee Changes	1st January 2026
Statistics for Mission	31st January 2026
APCM	To be held by 31st May 2026
Accounts	To be sent within 28 days of your APCM meeting
Return of Parish Finance	30th June 2026
Energy Footprint	30th June 2026



Real Living Wage Rate Increase

Here at the Diocese

we encourage employees rate of pay to reflect the Real Living wage. The latest increase means that people across the Uk will earn £13.45 an hour.



A time to be thankful

Your church may be thinking about your Christingle service coming up very soon. You will have regular givers and new people to your church. This is a really good opportunity to take the time to thank people for their donations, their support and their time during this very special event, celebrating the Light of Christ. We encourage children to say thank you, this is a perfect opportunity to show our thank you.



This helps people to live with dignity and have a decent standard of living. Workers are able to thrive and it also helps to improve mental health, relationships and productivity.

A prayer of Kindness



Dear God,
I come before You today asking for a heart filled with kindness. Help me to see others with love and compassion, reflecting Your kindness in my actions. May my words be gentle, and may I offer a helping hand to those in need. Guide me to be kind even in moments of frustration, and remind me that kindness is a reflection of Your love. Let me be a light in this world through acts of kindness, no matter how small.

Amen

The Finance Department :- Who's who here at St Marys

Jonathan Hill	Director of Finance
Jess Dace	Deputy to the Director of Finance
Yvonne Leonard	Executive Assistant to the Director of finance
Jean Overton	Parish Support Team Officer
Julie Lunn	Parish Support Team Officer and Gift Aid
Nici Danaher	Finance Officer including Direct Debits
Karen Brooke	Senior Support Officer
Gill Woodward	Administration Officer
Chloe Smith	Finance Administration Officer
Rachael Wheeler	Finance Development Worker and Giving Advisor
Fiona North	Project Support and Church Buildings Officer



A heart felt Thank you

As 2025 is drawing to a close we would like to thank you all for your unwavering support to your churches and your communities. Your dedication is invaluable. Wishing you and your families a wonderful Christmas and New Year. God bless



Best wishes from The Finance Department

