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Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor
Organist: Mr William Parkinson with S. Paul's Singers



THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF S. PAUL THE APOSTLE 25th JANUARY 2026

**THE PARISH MASS
CHORAL
10.30am**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass Setting: Missa Brevis (1570)
by **G.P da Palestrina (c.1525/6-1594)**

Hymns in NEH (green book)

Please join in with the Bold Type

¶ THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Choir sings the **Introit, Magnus sanctus Paulus.**

Music composed by **G.P da Palestrina (c.1525/6-1594)**

Text: **Alleluia, Tract: Feast of the Conversion of S. Paul**

Magnus sanctus Paulus, vas electionis, vere digne est glorificandus, qui et thronum duodecimum meruit possidere.

Vas electionis, intercede pro nobis ad Deum, qui te elegit, ut digni efficiamur gratia Dei.

Sancte Paule Apostole, praedicator veritatis et doctor gentium, intercede pro nobis ad Deum ut digni efficiamur gratia Dei.

The great Saint Paul, the vessel of election, is indeed worthy to be glorified; who also deserved to possess the twelfth throne.

Vessel of election, intercede for us to God, who chose thee, so that we may worthily give thanks to God.

Holy apostle Paul, preacher of truth and teacher of the gentiles, intercede for us to the Lord who chose you, that we may be worthy of the grace of God.

Stand

I know the one whom I have believed, and I am sure that he, the just judge, the mighty, will keep safe what is my due until that day. Cf. 2 Timothy 1: 12; 4.8

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Processional Hymn: 155

We sing the glorious conquest (Tune: Ellacombe)

The Greeting

¶ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

Prayers of Penitence

Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

(And, striking their breast, they say:)

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

(Then they continue)

therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, **¶** pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The choir sings The Kyrie Eleison

Kýrie, éléison. Christe, éléison. Kýrie, éléison.

Gloria in Excelsis

G Ló-ri- a in excélsis De- o. / et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntáis. / Laudámus te, benédicimus te, / adorámus te, glorificámus te, / grátias ágimus tibi / propter magnam glóriam tuam, / Dómine Deus, Rex cælestis, / Deus Pater omnípotens. / Dómine Fili unigénite, / Iesu Christe, / Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, / qui tollis peccáta mundi, / miserére nobis; / qui tollis peccáta mundi, / súscipe deprecatiōnem nostram. / Qui sedes ad déxteram Patris, / miserére nobis. / Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, / tu solus Dóminus, / tu solus Altíssimus, / Iesu Christe, / cum Sancto Spíritu: / **¶** in glória Dei Patris. / Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

*** in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings

First Reading from the Old Testament

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (1: 4-10)

¶ The word of the LORD came to me saying, **5** 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' **6** Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' **7** But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, **8** Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.' **9** Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. **10** See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 67 is sung by the choir

Deus misereatur

¶ GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us :

and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

2 That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad :

for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase :

and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9: 1-22)

¶ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest **2** and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3** Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. **4** He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' **5** He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.' **6** But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' **7** The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. **8** Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. **9** For three

days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'¹¹ The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.'¹³ But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.'¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.'¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.'¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'²¹ All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?'²² Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

¶ **Alleluia!** Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the pricks. I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. Get up, stand up; I have appeared to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you.' *Acts 26:14-16* ¶ **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

¶ A reading from the **¶** Holy Gospel according to **¶** Matthew (19: 27-30)
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Peter said to Jesus: 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' ²⁸ Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life.³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

Stand

Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (Genuflect) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made human. (Rise) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.

Remain standing

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant

Encouraged by our fellowship with S. Paul & all the saints, let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ saying: Lord in your mercy, **R. / Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 1

Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon those whom he calls today, marks with the cross and makes his disciples within the Church. Lord in your mercy. **R. /**

Intercessor 2

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid, and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs.

We pray especially for ... (*Celebrant adds...*) Lord in your mercy. **R. /**

Intercessor 3

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share. Lord in your mercy. **R. /**

Intercessor 4

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and to heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing.

(Celebrant says: We pray especially for...), Lord in your mercy. R. /

Celebrant

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death.

We pray for the recently departed, *especially...* and all whose anniversaries fall at this time *especially...*

¶ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace **and rise in glory.**

The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions, and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: **Hail Mary...**

S. Joseph of Nazareth, Pray for us. Holy Magi

S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, S. Paul the Apostle, our Patron

Ss. Timothy and Titus, fellow workers with S. Paul

S. Augustine and S. Monica, S. Benedict and S. Scholastica

S. Francis and S. Clare of Assisi, S. Angela Merici, S. Thomas Aquinas

S. Isaac the Syrian, S. John Bosco, All you angels and saints

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Remain standing

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared

The Offertory Hymn: 302

O thou who at the eucharist didst pray (Tune: Song 1)

Remain standing

Orate Fratres

Pray my sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate the divine mysteries, O Lord, we pray, may the Spirit fill us with that light of faith with which he constantly enlightened the blessed Apostle Paul for the spreading of your glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant sings the Preface in which God is praised for his mighty acts, & the choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosanna in excélsis.

¶ Benedictus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosanna in excélsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

¶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly: **AMEN.***

THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

The celebrant adds:

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those immediately around us,
a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.*

Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

*during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten,
placing a small piece in the chalice.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

I am unfit to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the Church of God,
but by the grace of God I am what I am.

Cf. 1 Corinthians 15: 9-10

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies

Amen.

and then receives.

* At home, make an Act of Spiritual Communion *

*As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still and rest in the
love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.*

O Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received, his Passion is remembered,
our souls are filled with grace and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

O Sacrum Convivium, 13th century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

*Choir sings the Communion Motet, **Blessed city, heavenly Salem**. Music composed by Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946) 1914.*

Text: Anonymous - pre-Medieval, 'Urbs beata Hierusalem'.

Translator: John Mason Neale (1818-1866). Hymns Ancient and Modern 396

1. Blessed city, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who of living stones art builded
In the height of heaven above,
And by angel hands apparell'd,
As a bride doth earthward move.

2. Out of heaven from God descending,
New and ready to be wed
To thy Lord, whose love espoused thee,
Fair adorned shalt thou be led;
All thy gates and all thy bulwarks
Of pure gold are fashioned.

3. Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
They are open evermore;
And, their well-earned rest attaining,
Thither faithful souls do soar,
Who for Christ's dear name in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.

4. Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polished well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly Architect.
Nevermore to leave the temple,
Which with them the Lord hath decked.

5. To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness,
Hear thy servants as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway. Amen.



Saint Paul the Apostle

S. Paul, known as 'the Apostle to the Gentiles', named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians, present at and maybe even the organizer of, the extra-judicial death-squad stoning of S. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centres of Asia Minor, including modern day Turkey, Greece, and southern Europe, and made many converts & planted or watered new church communities. Most scholars accept that there are 7 authentic epistles of S. Paul: Galatians, written around 48 CE; I Thessalonians, written around 49–51 CE; I Corinthian, written around 53–54 CE; II Corinthian, written around 55–56 CE; Romans, written around 55–57 CE; Philippians, written around 57–59 or 62 CE; Philemon, written around 57–59 or 62 CE. There are 6 disputed Pauline epistles: Ephesians, Colossians, 2 Thessalonians, 1–2 Timothy, and Titus. These letters are sometimes called Deutero-Pauline letters, which means "secondary letters of Paul". This is because most scholars believe that these letters were written by admirers or imitators of S. Paul.

Paul was beheaded in Rome around 66 CE in the same persecution that led to the martyrdom of S. Peter, and his relics are in the Basilica of S. Paul Outside-the-Walls near the Ostian Way. This feast did not originally commemorate the apostle's conversion but rather the translation of his relics in the 6th century; and it was chronologically associated with the feast of S. Peter's Chair at Rome, celebrated on January 18. Gradually, however, the original purpose was forgotten, and what had been a feast honouring the apostle's relics became the commemoration of his conversion by the 12th century.

The Communion Hymn: 216

Disposer supreme (Tune: Hanover)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God,
stir up in us that fire of charity
with which the blessed Apostle Paul burned ardently
as he bore concern for all the Churches. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



NOTICES & ANY BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

Stand

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.
May Christ who called Saint Paul to his service,
and to preach the good news to the world,
strengthen you to witness to his grace and love. **Amen.**
And may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal



I- te, missa est,
Dé- o grá-ti- as,

The Recessional Hymn: 112

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now (Tune: St. Albinus)

The Angel of the Lord brought glad tidings to Mary;
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it unto me according to thy Word. Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Organ Voluntary



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THE KALENDAR

MASS & Other Service Times in church
3rd Week of Epiphany – 25th to 31st January 2026
DEL Yr 2, Week 3

SUN, 25th,	MP 9am, PARISH MASS 10.30am, EP 5pm
MON, 26th, Ss. Timothy & Titus,	No Public Liturgies
TUES, 27th, S. Angela Merici,	EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm
WEDS, 28th, S. Thomas Aquinas, S. Isaac the Syrian,	EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm
THURS, 29th, Feria,	EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm
FRI, 30th, Feria,	EP 6pm
SAT, 31st, S. John Bosco,	Mass 10.00am, EP 6pm

DAILY OFFICE: MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer

1st FEBRUARY 2026

THE FEAST OF CANDLEMASS

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

MORNING PRAYER at 9am

PARISH MASS CHORAL at **10.30am**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 5pm

THE NOTICES

First Holy Communion at Parish Mass Sunday, 15th February 2026.

Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested in **HOLY BAPTISM** &/or in **HOLY CONFIRMATION**

ASH WEDNESDAY – 18th February 2026

marks the beginning of Lent.

7.30pm: **SOLEMN CHORAL MASS WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Please bring in your **PALM CROSSES** from previous years and place them in the basket at the back of church so that they can be burned to make the ash for the Mass.

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

We will begin our discussion of 'Transcendence for Beginners' by Clare Carlise, on Thursday, 29th January 8.30-10pm on Zoom.

All welcome. Info & login details on Parish website & the Rector's Weekly Email.

CHURCH CLEANING every Saturday after Mass/MP until 12.30pm.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

'The Lord loves a cheerful giver.'

The Church, based upon biblical teaching, asks every Christian to give a Tithe, 10% of their time, talents & money to God's work, and recommends that members contribute 5% of their income to their church. **E.g. If you earn:** £5000 a year or, £96 a week = Give £5 a week to S. Paul's.

£10000 a year, £192 a week = £10 a week. £20000 a year, £385 a week = £20 a week. £25000 a year, £480 a week = £25 a week. £30000 a year, £577 a week = £30 a week. Over the year our costs run to almost £1,000 a week. We receive no external subsidies, and all monies must be raised from the parishioners, through lettings, or voluntary donations. **Thank you** for all financial contributions which help to pay for: - the: Utility bills of the church, (gas, electricity, water) - Costs of maintaining the worship, (e.g. candles, wine, wafers, incense) - Maintenance, cleaning, & repair of our Grade 1 Listed church, (substantial costs) - Office costs (e.g. postage, printing, paper) - Monthly Diocesan Parish Share to the Diocese, (80p out of every £1 we give to the Diocese goes towards clergy stipends).

We ask everyone, who can, to please give via Direct Debit, Standing Order, or, via the Weekly Envelope Scheme.

GIVING VIA DIRECT DEBIT: Please see the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** information leaflet and Direct Debit Form, on the Parish Website

ONLINE GIVING: Our **Give A Little** page is available on our website, via the **Donate** button, or here: <https://bit.ly/spd-giving>

✖ FURTHER INFORMATION & UPDATES ✖

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sent every Friday via MailChimp (GDPR compliant)