

Expenditure (cont).

Office management costs of £4,532 arose from printing, stationery and admin costs of £2,252 and audit costs of £2,280.

Diocesan management costs amounted to £25,299.

Contingency fund levy:	2,000
Diocesan levy :	21,664 (based on 20% of ordinary income)
Interest on parish loan:	1,635

The diocesan levy rate has increased to 26% in 2017 but our ordinary income will be reduced by loan repayments (£1,000 per week) before applying the levy. Interest costs will be much higher in 2017, as our loan has increased to approximately £500,000 because of the church renovation..

Overall Picture for 2016

Ordinary income of £172,594 compares with expenditure of £139,436. Some costs incurred in 2016 will be met in 2017, as figures do not include accruals.

There is no allowance being made in these numbers for depreciation—an accountancy term which covers things like wear and tear on assets. We need to have reserves which build up to meet replacement costs for fixtures and fittings. For example, a new central heating boiler was installed for the house. The existing unit was over 30 years old, obsolescent, expensive to run and subject to breakdown. The cost of the new unit, around £10,000, was met from our bank account reserves. The cost will come though in 2017.

We have taken steps to reduce some costs in 2017, which has been helped by additional parishioner support in particular areas. We thank parishioners who help out in all areas of the parish, both spiritual and practical. We could not run the parish effectively without them.

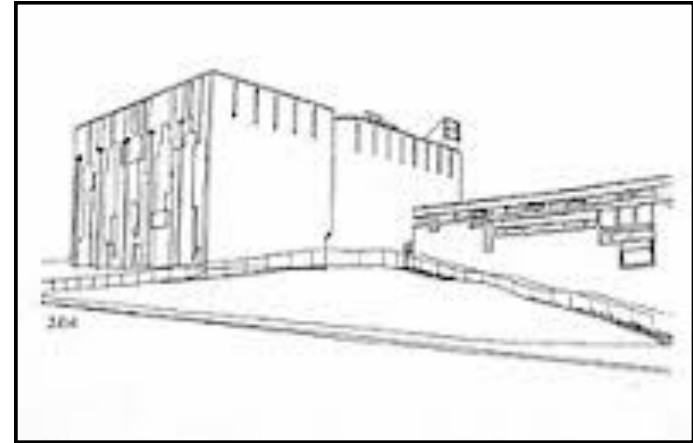
Donations can easily be gift aided, increasing their value. From time to time, we also benefit from legacies. And, if you have fundraising ideas, we are keen to hear about them.

Questions and thoughts

This is the first time for many years that we have provided a financial update for our parishioners. You may have questions which we will endeavour to answer, although we might need to investigate before replying.

We thank you for your generous and continued help and support in our parish.

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REPORT ON FABRIC & FINANCES

December 2017

Background

We last issued a parishioner report in July 2017 on the fabric of the church. This latest report provides a breakdown of the Parish finances in 2016.

Overview

The Diocese of Motherwell has a standard approach to categorising the cash that passes through a parish. This is carried out annually on a calendar year basis and the most recent annual statement is for 2016. The renovation of the church and building and fitting out the Parish Hall extension were carried out in 2016 (begun in 2015). This resulted in unusual financial activity arising from construction costs, VAT relief, grants, special donations, and an increase in our Diocesan loan. The large amounts relating to this activity has been isolated in this report, so its impact does not overwhelm other items which are regular and recurring year by year. We have provided notes against some items in order to present a clearer picture.

Financial impact of church renovation and hall extension

Contractor fees in 2016 for the church renovation were £997,481, paid in full by a loan from the Diocese. The amount of the loan was then offset by grants of £564,210, and VAT refunds of £42,014 (because the church is listed). We repaid a sum of £622,064 during 2016, although the loan has increased again in 2017 as we have settled invoices of the main contractor. The hall extension and fit out cost £34,724, met from parish funds. The final invoice was settled quite recently (in 2017), and is not included here.

Income sources

Our regular income sources (including the stall) amounted to £172,594:

Ordinary collections	111,414	
Giftaid reclaim:	12,871	
Donations:	9,018	
Fundraising:	9,133	
Hall rentals:	16,304	(see Hall costs opposite)
Hall catering:	6,320	
Votive candle donations:	1,669	
Retired PP allowance:	1,488	

Income from the stall of £4,377 was offset by stock costs of £4,287—the stall basically breaks even. We also received £20,248 from special collections during 2016 (e.g. Mission Sunday, charities, etc.). This was paid out in full to the groups for which the collections were held, so is not included above.

We can see the importance of gift aid. We could have a much higher contribution from gift aid if more parishioners join the covenant scheme.

Expenditure

Total expenditure, as identified below, amounted to £139,436.

Church expenditure amounted to £28,004. This was higher than normal as it included the weekly rental of the High School during church closure.

High School rental:	12,196	
Divine service:	8,547	(this is things like candles, etc.)
Repairs / maintenance	3,427	
Furnishing, vestments:	1,904	
Supply costs and fees:	1,930	

House and grounds expenditure was £20,922, as follows.

House maintenance:	11,886
Housekeeping	6,962
Ground maintenance:	2,074

Utility costs for the church and church house amounted to £22,563.

Heating and lighting:	10,349
Water rates:	4,002
Council tax:	2,054
Insurance:	6,158

General parish management expenses and some related items came to £19,523.

Clergy salaries, NI:	3,782
Staff salaries, NI:	9,541
Clergy development:	440
Telephone:	753
Travel (inc car ins.)	2,640
School chaplain support:	824
Parish gifts:	1,430
Sundry:	113

Hall running costs of £14,308 were made up as follows:

Wages:	7,520
Heat and Light:	5,292
Cleaning:	819
Sundry:	677