

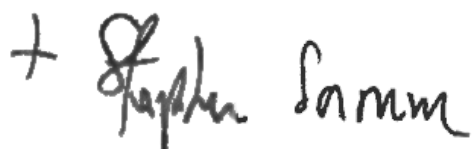
Cost of Being Church in 2025

'Why do you worry about what you will eat, and what you will wear?' Jesus asks in the gospels. It sounds somewhat naïve – of course we all worry, and in the cost of living crisis, the worries for many are acute. But

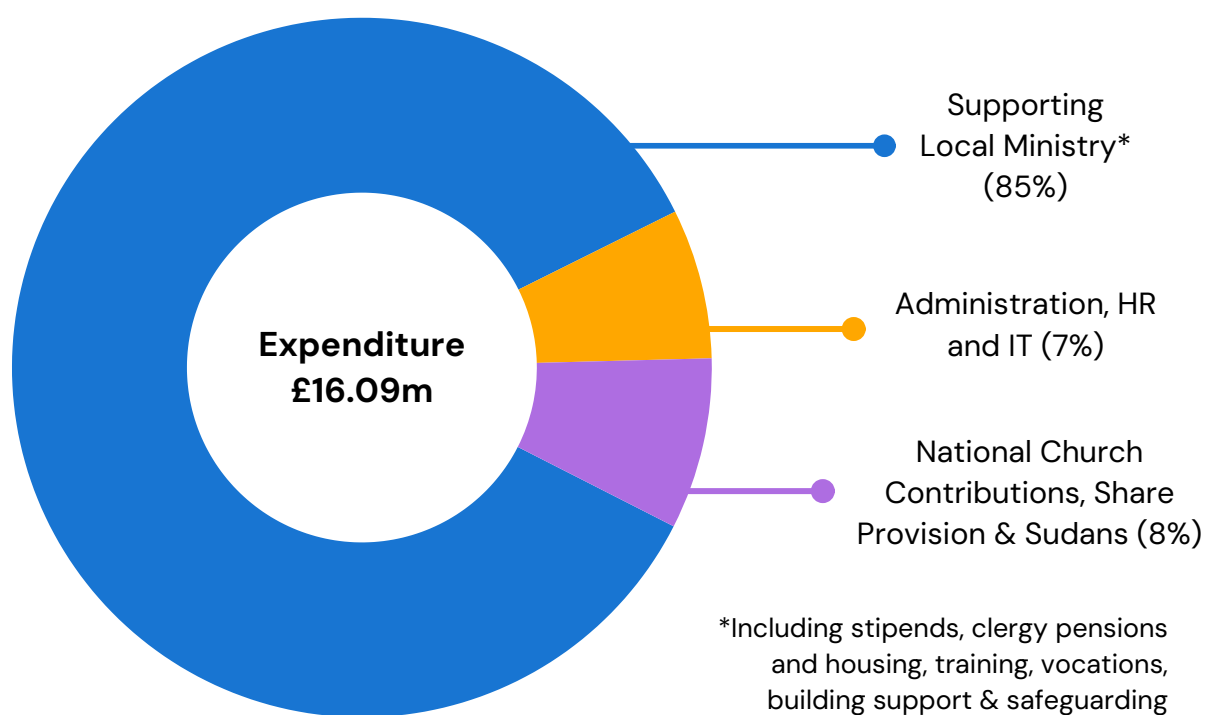
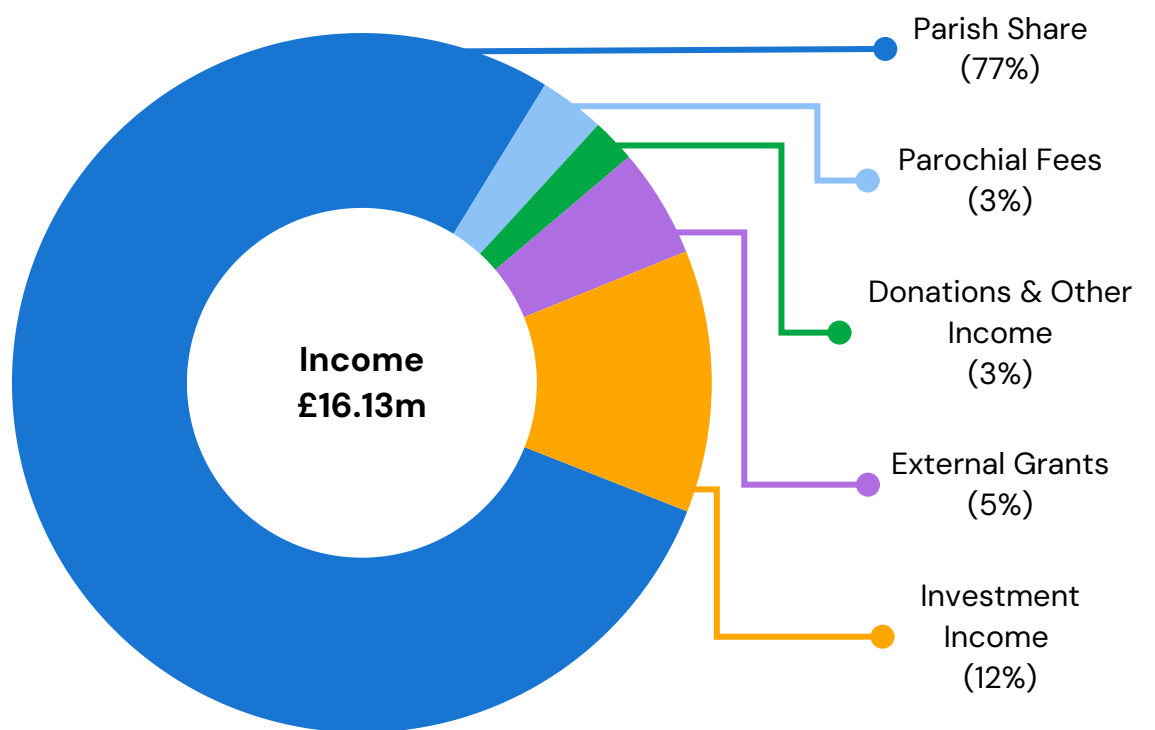
Jesus continues with a message of reassurance and hope. Of course God knows you need these things. He loves and cares for us, and the most vulnerable are especially dear to him. But put God first, and these worries will no longer dominate our hearts and minds. *'All these things will be given to you as well'* Jesus says.

To meet the cost of being the Church today, to support ministry and mission to reach the million people who live in this diocese, we all need to contribute to building the Kingdom of God. We have individual financial worries, worries as a church congregation, as a wider community – but by contributing together to Share we can seek to solve the challenges we face together, trusting in God's love and call.

Thank you for contributing to Share, and investing in mission and ministry for 2025.



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*Including stipends, clergy pensions and housing, training, vocations, building support & safeguarding

Diocesan Budget 2025**

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