

Generosity

Info Pack 2025





From the heart

Generosity is core to who we are at STB. The act of giving is not something we are forced to do but it's something that comes from the heart. To give generously is in response to a generous God.

I am constantly humbled by the number of people who give from the heart to the life of our community, in time, gifts and finances. Without your prayers and generosity, we would not be able to do what we do.

Generosity Sunday (19th Jan) is an opportunity to give thanks for all that God has provided and pray for what we need as we continue to grow and fulfil our vision.

This information pack is designed to capture the generosity of our amazing community and to provide you with what we need for 2025.

Thank you for giving from the heart,

Revd Ben Gardner

*'God loves a cheerful giver'
(1 Cor 9:7)*

Give to Give Away

Jan: people wrote a prayer, coupled with a Bible verse to give to another person to inspire them at the start of the year.

Mar: GTGA raised a sum of £250 for a church plant at Eryes Monsell Community Church.

Apr: A collection for Your Store took place.

May: £255 was given and redistributed in our GTGA envelopes to give to others as an act of generosity.

Jun: £250 was given to Christian Aid.

Sep: Just over £320 was raised for a "traditional" GTGA during Baptism Sunday.

Oct: Plants were purchased and given to bless and improve the outside entrance to The Arc.

Nov: Many new toys were given to Charnwood Christmas Toy Appeal.

Dec: During our Christmas events over £400 was generously given to our Christmas Charity - Rainbows Hospice.

Thank you to all who take part in this year's GTGA.

Paul Anderson (GTGA Coordinator)





Serving from the heart

Our ministry teams are at the heart of all that we do at STB and we encourage everyone who is an active member of our Church to find their passion and serve in one of our ministry teams.

Maybe you enjoy meeting people or reading God's Word? Maybe you love children and seeing them come to know Jesus, or you have a passion for hospitality? Maybe you want to learn more about tech, live streaming, sound & visuals? Whatever your passion, we will have a ministry for you to serve in.

Current UK stats indicate that roughly 20% of active members serve in their Church, at STB our figure is around 50% which is fantastic and we definitely want to continue this trend by encouraging everyone to serve!

"50% of our church serve. Imagine if this was 100%"



Giving from the heart

Thank you to everyone who gives generously to STB. The money you give covers the operating costs of running our church:

- Gatherings & Worship
- Discipleship – encouraging & developing disciples
- Staffing – Employment and Team development costs
- Office & Administration
- Parish Contribution – our contribution to Leicester Diocese ministry costs – we benefit significantly because the Resourcing Church Program otherwise covers our direct ministry costs.
- Giving to others – setting aside our income to benefit others and other projects through our Grant Fund.

Staffing is approximately half our budget (this does not include the stipend of our clergy).

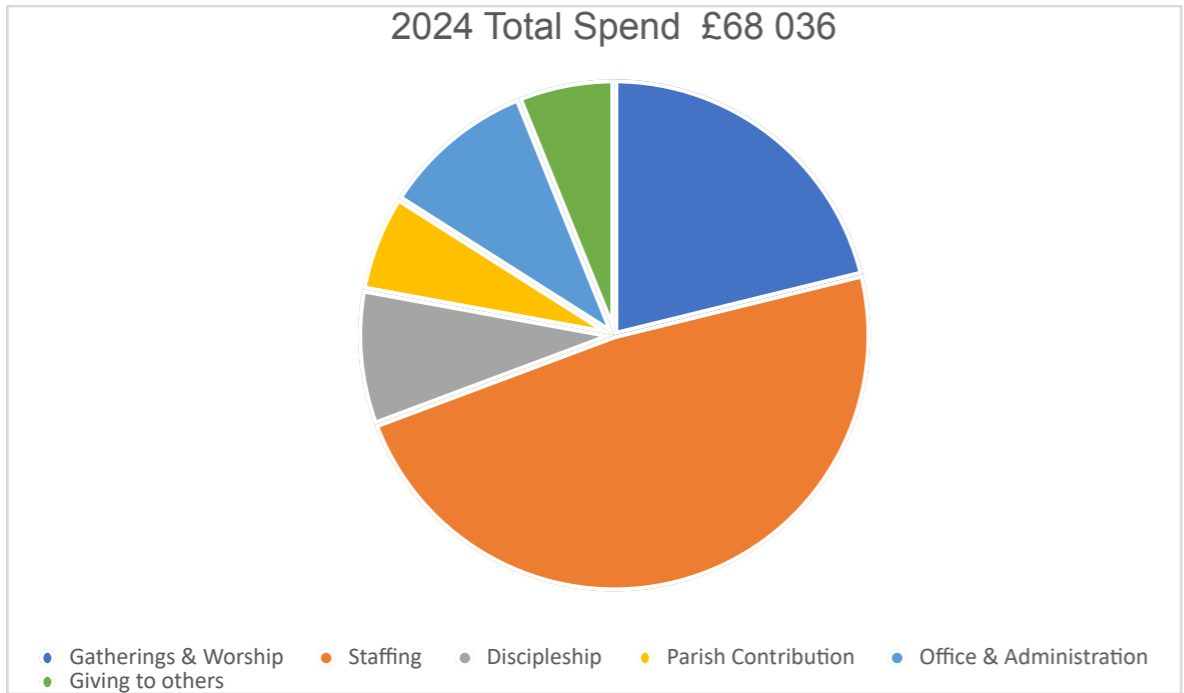
The budget for 2025 is similar to 2024 spending; we've tried to be careful with commitments while still allowing the church to function well.

We are faithfully trusting God with our finances and committed to double our Parish contribution for 2025 to £9,200, showing our thankfulness to the Diocese for their

continued support of our ministry, particularly as they cover a significant portion of our clergy cost.

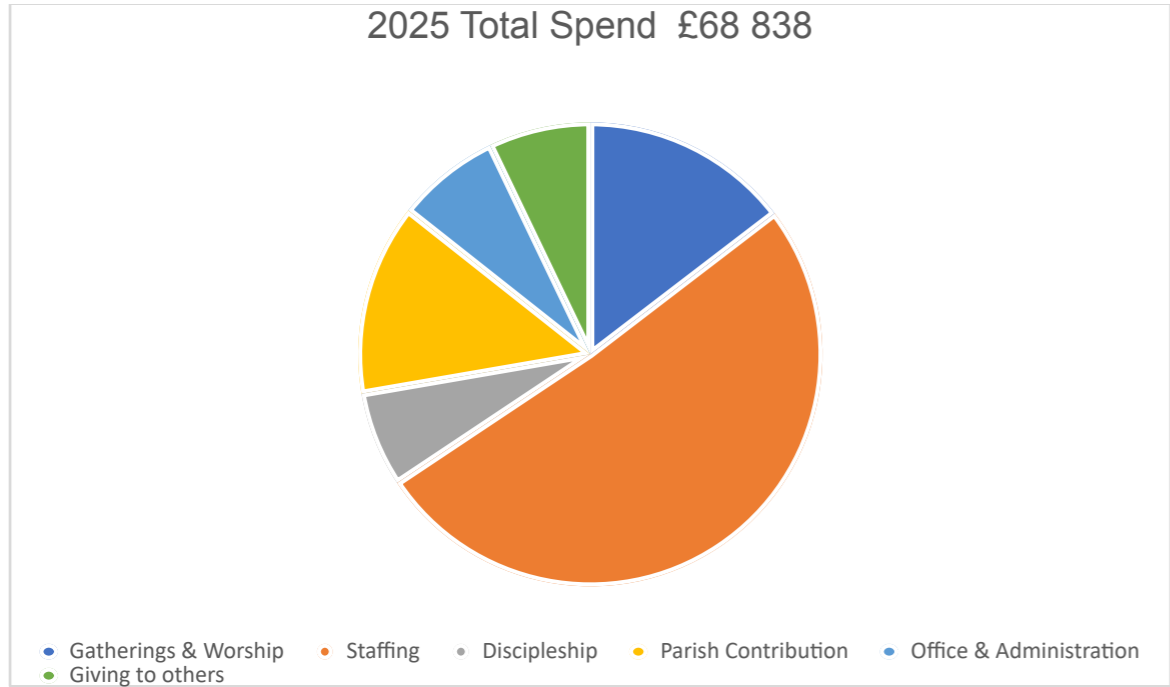
We've been blessed that our giving has increased steadily year on year. Our regular monthly giving is a useful indicator, rising from £1,500 per month at the end of 2021 to £2,000 at the end of 2022, £3,200 at the end of 2023 and exceeding our expectations for 2024 with £4,800 (breakeven was £3,800). **Thank you for your support and generosity!**





Through this time, we've also benefited from start-up grants that we have used to balance the books year-on-year. As of last year, we spent out those grants and now substantially stand on our own to cover our operating costs – we still benefit hugely from the resourcing church program meeting most of our clergy costs.

In 2025, we need to take another step in giving to fully cover our operating costs. The £4,800 of regular giving needs to rise to £5,300 to break even (without using our start-up grants).



A £500 per month increase is about £20 per month, or £5 per week, across each of our [26] regular givers ... just £5/week. If we have new givers that will share the load further.

We are faithfully trusting God to exceed our expectations for 2025! Can you help us do that?

Charne Van Jaarsveld (STB Treasurer)

Ways to give

Pray / Serve on a team / Give Financially

There are multiple ways to give to the life of STB:

- **Pray** - make some space in the week to pray for the vision, community and mission of STB.
- **Serve** - Get involved and serve on a team (the more people who serve the less the workload)
- **Give Financially** to the church:
 - One-off donations
 - Set up regular giving (this is our ideal preference as it helps us to budget and enables us to expand what we do)
 - Legacy - please do get in contact if you would like to discuss how you might leave a legacy for future generations at STB





Realities of giving

“It’s not the amount that’s important, it’s the act of giving that is”

We recognise that everyone will be in different financial positions going into 2025. Here are some helpful things to remember as you consider what you give:

- The act of giving is more important than the amount.
- Give what you are in control of, especially as we recognise that not every member of your household will be a part of STB.
- 10% - The Bible (Numbers 18:26) speaks of giving 10% to the work of the church. Again, not everyone will be able to do this but some might be able to give this or more.
- At times you might need to give less, this is absolutely fine. We understand and we are grateful for all that you give to the life of STB.





How to give

- Complete our online Pledge Card
- Set up regular giving today!
- Standing Order:

Account Name: St Barnabas
Grange Park

Sort Code: 309626

Account Number: 77693068

- Scan the Giving QR code on Sunday

Thank you for all
that you give!



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