



DEAR PARISHIONERS

It gives me pleasure to present a summary of the Church accounts for year to 31 December 2022 which, as previously, are prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis.

I would like to begin by thanking Hayley Metcalfe, who looks after the day-to-day accounting, Heike Gallagher who meticulously looks after the 'Planned Giving', and our Finance Committee, chaired by Dominic Murphy, which oversees the whole complicated process, for the immense amount of work they put in to ensure that our finances are efficiently handled and recorded. Having come through the challenging two years of the pandemic, we might have hoped to enter calmer waters, but we are all aware of the new challenges of the 'cost of living' crisis, which continues to be fuelled by frightening conflicts and general unrest across the world. That said, it seems to me that we are coping remarkably well, albeit that we will continue to be faced with the challenges of keeping a Grade II Listed Building in good order alongside the continually increasing expense of almost everything, whether it be the utilities or a visit to TESCO. At the same time, our CAFOD representatives rightly urge us to strive to 'live simply' and 'care for creation', and the need to be ecologically sensitive undoubtedly provides us with an opportunity to give Christian witness.

With all that in mind, I can only thank you for all you contribute not only to the running of the parish, but to our Redemptorist Community and all the charities that ask for your support. I think it is true to say that I rarely address the question of money. I simply ask you again to give what you can, and I promise to try and ensure that we use your gifts wisely and well.

As society continues to become more and more cash-free, we will continue to seek ways of enabling you to contribute without having to be armed with pockets full of money. You are aware that you have the option of contributing by direct debit or other ways of making bank transfers, and you will have noticed that there is now a card machine in the porch. Therefore, please remember that if the plate passes people in the benches you don't need to stand in judgement!

ONCE AGAIN: A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO ONE AND ALL

Timothy J. Buckley, CSsR (Parish Priest)

Bishop Eton Accounts 2022 (2021)

	2022	2021
Parish receipts	164,221	109,788
Donations	50,000	84,000
Total receipts	214,221	193,788
Total payments	146,915	127,575
Surplus (deficit)	67,306	66,213

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis

Note

The 2021 accounts were impacted by the Pandemic restrictions. Receipts have recovered in 2022 and, despite the expected increase in payments, the parish generated a small operating surplus for the year, following small operating deficits in the previous three years.

A substantial legacy, received in two tranches, has resulted in a sizeable overall surplus in both years.

The Finance Committee is satisfied with the final outcome for 2022.

