

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH, PUDSEY
FINANCIAL REPORT 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026

A newly constituted Parish Finance Committee met on Wednesday 3rd June, during which the financial accounts for 2025-26 were presented. The members of the committee are Janice Whitworth, Peter Turner, Matthew Hattersley, Simon Whitworth, Clare Farmer, David Farmer, Brian Hayes. Each of the members has a role in monitoring the manuals for Fire Safety, Health & Safety and Statutory testing on our property.

TOTAL AMOUNTS HELD IN OUR PARISH ACCOUNTS (as on 31 March 2026):

Cash: £111.09

Account with the Diocese of Leeds: £80,285.08

Deposit Account with the Diocese of Leeds (locked): £108,000

Current Account (HSBC): £32,349.93

PARISH INCOME (comparable with two previous years):

("assessable" means taxable – to the Diocese of Leeds)

	31/03/26	31/03/25	31/03/24
Assessable Income			
Offerories	64,249	62,742	58,382
Gift Aid Claims	9,833	9,863	9,602
Donations	823	1,045	717
Legacies	0	1,000	0
Hire and Rental Income	5,475	6,980	5,955
Social Income	0	0	637
Total Assessable Income	80,380	81,630	75,293
Non Assessable Income			
Votives	2,145	2,379	2,555
Grants Received	22,500	0	0
Other Income	1,985	520	535
2nd Collections Mandated by Holy See or Bishops' Conference RECEIPTS	4,604	5,389	5,104
2nd Collections within the Diocese RECEIPTS	987	740	1,126
Parish Collections RECEIPTS	1,644	1,677	2,680
Total Non Assessable Income	33,865	10,705	12,000
Total Receipts	114,245	92,335	87,293

The parish has received two grants totalling £22,500 for the renovation of the front of the parish hall, after the rapid deterioration of the cladding, and the addition of a fire exit.

The amounts received and paid out for the extra collections do not always tally because sometimes money for a collection is taken in before the 31st March and then paid out after 1st April, hence the disparities. That tends to happen every year as financial year-end often coincides with Holy Week/Easter. It's more helpful to look at a longer period, so for the period between 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2026 we have collected £10,570.51 for CAFOD and paid out £11,324.97, and for the CAFOD Ukraine appeal we have taken in £8978.76 and paid out exactly the same amount.

PARISH EXPENDITURE (comparable with two previous years):

	31/03/26	31/03/25	31/03/24
Expenditure Liturgical			
Clergy Costs	9,838	11,748	10,844
Conferences	0	133	898
Votives Costs	2,806	3,451	2,884
Liturgical Costs	4,242	1,883	2,315
Catechesis	707	880	1,187
Total Expenditure Liturgical	17,593	18,095	18,128
Expenditure Routine Management, Administration and Maintenance			
Household	2,451	2,993	2,912
Employment Costs	12,537	11,642	10,937
Utilities	11,888	12,135	14,008
Insurance	1,915	1,876	1,725
Professional Fees	0	9,050	0
Administration	5,711	2,120	1,970
Social Costs	839	225	1,028
Travel Costs	1,341	1,279	1,585
Parish Assessment	12,960	11,584	12,052
2nd Collections mandated by Holy See or Bishops' Conference PAID	4,534	5,222	5,059
2nd Collections within the Diocese PAID	1,728	0	2,022
Parish Collections PAID	1,644	1,677	2,680
Routine Repairs and Maintenance	14,163	8,522	12,188
Total Expenditure Routine Management, Administration and Maintenance	71,711	68,325	68,166
Expenditure - Exceptional and Projects			
Approved Major Projects	0	8,677	0
Professional Fees for Approved Major Projects	390	0	918
Total Expenditure - Exceptional and Projects	390	8,677	918
Total Payments	89,694	95,097	87,212
Total Surplus / Loss	24,551	-2,762	81

Notable expenditure includes:

Liturgical: subsidising the parish pilgrimages to Assisi and to Osmotherley;

Administration: a new colour photocopier;

Repairs: A new garage door & motor, work to the external cladding of the parish hall, a new central heating system & boiler for the sacristy, and replacement windows in the sacristy.

With regard to the proposed reordering and redecoration of the church, an architect was commissioned to oversee the works (hence the professional fees in 2024-25). Approval was given in principle to the proposals by the diocesan Art, Architecture & Heritage Committee in July 2025. However, as the total cost estimate was £110,000 (including VAT & fees), Fr Peter decided to postpone the works as there were more urgent works to the parish hall and other parts of the church building. It was agreed by the committee that works on the sacristy, the church roof (about £5000) and the lighting in the church should take precedence for now, and it is therefore unlikely that the work on the church sanctuary will take place for at least another year.

Fr Peter would like to thank everyone in the parish for their generosity in financial giving, enabling us to continue as a parish without any major concerns.

10 June 2026