

Diocesan Synod

2023 Budget

The Vice Chair of the DBF to move that the consolidated budget for 2023 now be considered and that:

"This Synod approve the total 2023 budget expenditure of £25,738,622 which is based on total 2023 budgeted income of £25,642,068."

- 1. The Diocesan Council of Trustees (DCT) approved the draft budget for recommendation to the Synod at its meeting on 22 October 2022. The Policy and Finance Committee (PFC) in September has also scrutinised and recommended the draft budget to the DCT.
- 2. The 2023 budget (with assumptions presented using PowerPoint at Synod) shows an improved position from that presented as a forward view to Synod in December 2020. The budget for 2023 is broadly balanced, compared to the forward view of a deficit of £0.7m.
- 3. The budget for 2023 is presented against a forecast out-turn for 2022 better than budget. The budget for 2022 is for a deficit of £1.1m. The forecast as at the end of September is for a deficit of £0.4m. Within the budget for 2022 is a contingency of £0.5m created by a windfall grant from Trust for London. At present we see no call upon that contingency with only a short period of 2022 remaining. If there were no call upon the contingency and the forecast continued to improve the Trust for London grant could be retained in the Southwark Vision Development Fund and released to support activity in future years.
- 4. The improved forecast for the current year is in large part due to the generosity of our parishes and the resilience of the Parish Support Fund (PSF) model. At the end of September 2022, the collection rate was 99.1%. The high collection rate and one-off gifts meant that PSF was over £0.1m ahead of target. Our parishes have been magnificent in honouring their 2022 pledges; being creative and encouraging giving despite the economic uncertainties and the challenges of returning from Covid restrictions.
- 5. According to the August Parish Share Report, the 37 mainland dioceses for which there is
 - August 2022 data have experienced a year to date fall of -8.6% in parish share in the first eight months of 2022 compared to the same period pre-Pandemic three years ago. The year-to-date change varies between +2.4% and -21.3%. Southwark is one of the ten dioceses which has had a fall of less than 5%.



6. The balanced budget is achieved with an overall 1% increase in budgeted PSF for 2023 over budget in 2022. The forward view for 2023 presented to Synod contained a higher PSF increase, but the budget recognises the increased costs faced by parishes and the financial pressures on many who give. We are budgeting costs overall to be down on the budget for 2022, but with incumbent status and curate posts at the same level in 2023 as in 2022. Clergy costs overall decrease due to confirmed reductions in pensions contributions.

- 7. As in previous years there will be a full PowerPoint presentation including budget assumptions presented at Synod, which will be circulated subsequently to all members.
- 8. From 2017 the Diocese has been committed to Southwark Vision, through to 2025, and the budget and forward plan continues to maintain confidence in Southwark Vision.
- 9. With the current economic turbulence, we have not included a three year forward view in this presentation to Synod. We will present a three year forward view to Synod in March 2023 when we anticipate there may be greater clarity on the financial and economic outlook. This approach was supported by the DCT.
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The Diocesan Secretary
November 2022

Budget 2023	2023	2022
	Budget	Sept FY Forecast
	£	£
Incoming Resources		
Parish Support Fund	15,929,773	15,881,087
Parochial Fees	398,096	331,637
Grants Received	3,424,228	4,099,923
Investment Income	1,021,557	1,078,423
Property Income	972,680	971,465
Other Income	929,407	925,730
Property Gain	2,966,327	2,439,697
Total Incoming Resources	25,642,068	25,727,961
Resources Expended		
Clergy Costs	12,550,244	12,961,862
Property Costs	3,663,912	3,716,211
Vocations (Ordained)	947,413	765,321
Ministry & Discipleship	495,456	367,660
IME2	67,164	61,439
Wychcroft	318,851	270,922
Mission (Including JPIC)	539,652	453,578
Strategic Development	637,393	434,991
Fresh Expressions and Pioneering	132,571	219,613
Area Mission & Office Costs	789,020	892,874
Safeguarding	451,809	343,845
Communications	333,481	245,095
Office Buildings	368,122	391,381
IT	434,698	457,242
Administration	1,699,839	1,711,656
Human Resources	247,412	272,828
Board of Education	362,424	355,318
Contributions to National Church	1,699,160	1,742,523
Contingency	0	500,000
	25,738,622	26,164,357

2023 Capital Plan

	Total 2022 £	Total 2023 £	Grand total £
Sale Proceeds			
Property Sales	6,200,000	6,000,000	12,200,000
Total Sale Proceeds	6,200,000	6,000,000	12,200,000
Costs			
Purchase of Property	-4,150,000	-7,050,000	-11,200,000
Construction	-604,000	-295,000	-899,000
Professional Fees	-142,330	-125,500	-267,830
Total Cost	-4,896,330	-7,470,500	-12,366,830
Net Income	1,303,670	-1,470,500	-166,830