



Making Ends Meet

**St. Mary the Virgin,
Ewell Parish Church**

November 2005

Summary

In 2005, the regular outgoings for our Parish Church are expected to be £131,000.

Our outgoings are £2519 per week.

In December 2004 our predicted annual income was £101,000 or £1942 per week. At that time, the predicted shortfall was £577 per week.

In early 2005 St Mary's launched a Parish Funding Programme. This resulted in a £15,000 increase in income. This leaves a predicted shortfall of £15,000 per year.

A predicted shortfall of £288 per week

The PCC is presently reviewing all church expenditure in order to reduce the shortfall.

Our regular income is not sufficient to pay for major repairs and renovation of the Church and Church Hall. We rely on legacy income to pay for these.



Our regular annual outgoings

Parish share: £55,000

This is what we pay to the Diocese before we spend a penny on St Mary's

Running expenses: £45,000

These include: church services, utilities, music, churchyard, church hall, the Ewell Parish News, costs of the Village Fair, and general maintenance.

Administration: £20,000

This includes costs of telephones, photocopiers and photocopying, computing, stationery, postage and staff salary.

Missions & Charities: £6,000

Fabric: £5,000

This covers minor capital expenditure on church and churchyard.

**Total annual outgoings
£131,0000**

Regular income forecast 2005

Regular planned giving:
'Christian stewardship' £38,000

Income tax reclaim: £11,000

Unplanned giving and
donations: £15,000

Other income: £52,000

*This includes the Village Fair, Church Hall
hire, fees from weddings and funerals,
investments and the Ewell Parish News.*

Total income forecast: £116,0000

This gives a shortfall of

£288 per week

**which must be met from our dwindling
reserves**

Major repairs and renovations

The scaffolding was up in 2004

NOT because we had neglected the building,

BUT because we really look after it.

In 2004 we also installed disabled access to the South Porch

In 2005 we are renovating the Church Hall. This has been badly needed for some time.

Both disabled access and a toilet for the disabled will be provided.

We cannot afford to fund these from regular income.

We rely on legacies to pay for major repairs and renovations.



Christian Stewardship

Makes a major contribution to our church income.

There are 204 members on our electoral roll and 116 members of the Christian Stewardship Scheme.

Most members of the scheme 'gift aid' their regular contributions, but individual donations can also be 'gift-aided'.

As we are able to recover income tax on 'gift aided' donations,

This increases the value of gifts by a massive 28%.

Gift aid forms for annual giving are available in church. Envelopes for individual donations are in the pews.

For further information please ask the Stewardship Recorder or Churchwardens

How can you help?

Join the Christian Stewardship Scheme

Gift aid regular and individual donations

**Consider whether you can remember
St. Mary's in your will ****

Regularly review your giving

**Use the prayer from our Parish Funding
Programme:**

***Lord, bless our parish church,
And bless what we seek to do
For the good of your Church,
For the people of Ewell,
And for your greater glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

****Information on legacies is available
from the Vicar or Churchwardens.**