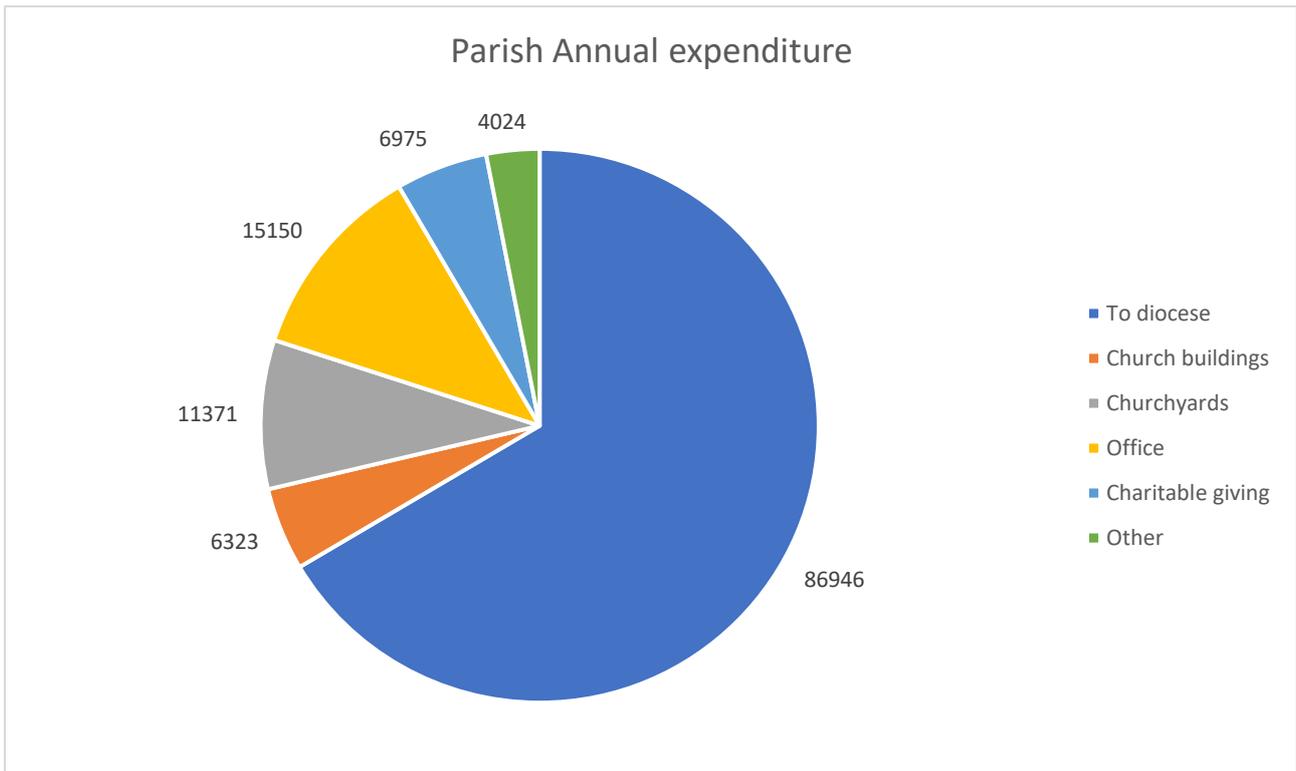


How do we spend the money?



Simplified spending in a typical year, based on 2020 figures.

The major cost is the “Parish Share” paid to the Diocese, principally for clergy stipends and pensions – details [here](#). As an affluent area we are charged 35% above the standard rate, to subsidise poorer parishes. **We paid £1672 per week in Share in 2020.**

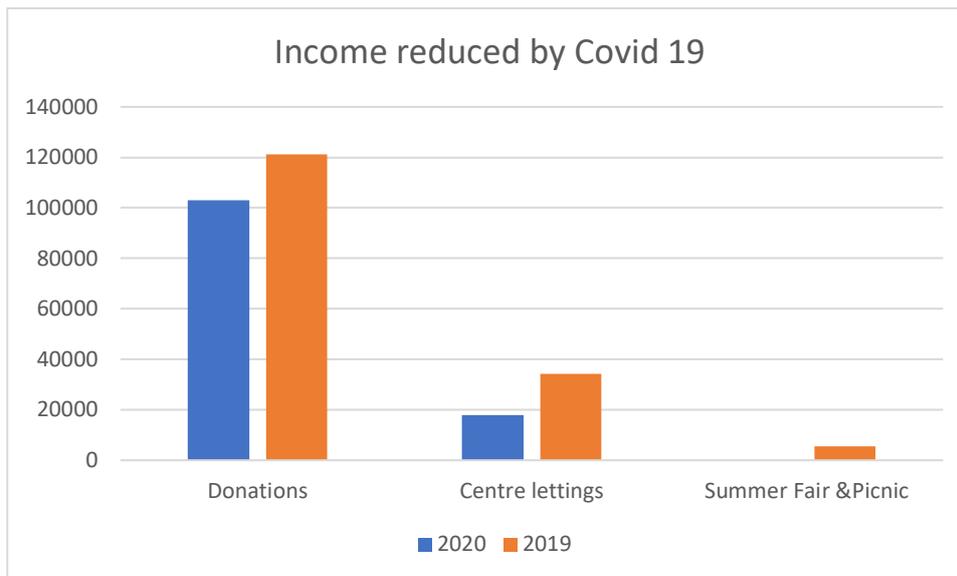
We are assessed on the basis of one full time member of the clergy - the Rector. Parishes that do not pay in full are usually reduced to a part time priest, or amalgamated with another parish.

- St Bridget’s Centre omitted – costs approximately balance letting income
- House at 13 Caldly Road omitted – costs approximately balance rental income
- St Bridget’s new lighting and wiring omitted – paid by special appeal fund
- Parish Magazine omitted – advertising covers printing costs
- Charitable giving is a typical figure – 2020 was not typical
- Costs associates with Vacancy between Rectors omitted as not typical

We worship a generous God and aim to be generous, paying the Real Living Wage (with proportionate differentials), supporting charities such as Wirral Ark and Christian Aid, and maintaining our buildings and churchyards to a high standard.



Our income was depleted in 2020 by the pandemic, although we were helped by a grant to the Centre from Wirral Council, and furlough payments.



At the time of writing (March 2021, during Lockdown), our income is not matching our expenditure. Could you support our work with a donation, by joining the regular donors, or by increasing your giving if you are already a supporter?

Practicalities of giving to the Parish Church

Enquiries to the Parish Treasurer, John Smith, treasurer@stbridgetschurch.org.uk

- We welcome Standing Orders, as they provide a steady reliable income to pay the bills
- We welcome Gift Aid: we reclaimed over £25k in income tax in 2020
- Donations can be designated for St Bridget's Church or Caldy Church
- We are a registered charity: details and full accounts at [The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of West Kirby 1131379](#)
- Secure card donations gratefully received here for [St Bridget's](#) or [Caldy](#)
- We welcome Legacies, which are exempt from Inheritance Tax

The chart below illustrates people's regular giving to St Bridget's Church in 2020, not counting donations to the Enhancement Appeal.

Many thanks to all our givers, but...

St Bridget's PCC account received regular donations from 88 individuals or couples in 2020, giving an average of about £660 each. This chart shows the distribution of amounts given per week:



The first column shows how many donors gave up to £5, the second column £5.01 to £10, etc.

We are most grateful for people's generosity, and realise that not everyone has money to spare, but at present we are **not covering our costs**. This indicates that we either need to increase the number of people who give regularly or ask those who already give to increase their giving. Our budget for 2021 projects a **deficit of £22,000** for St Bridget's Church, and another **£1,880** for Caldy.