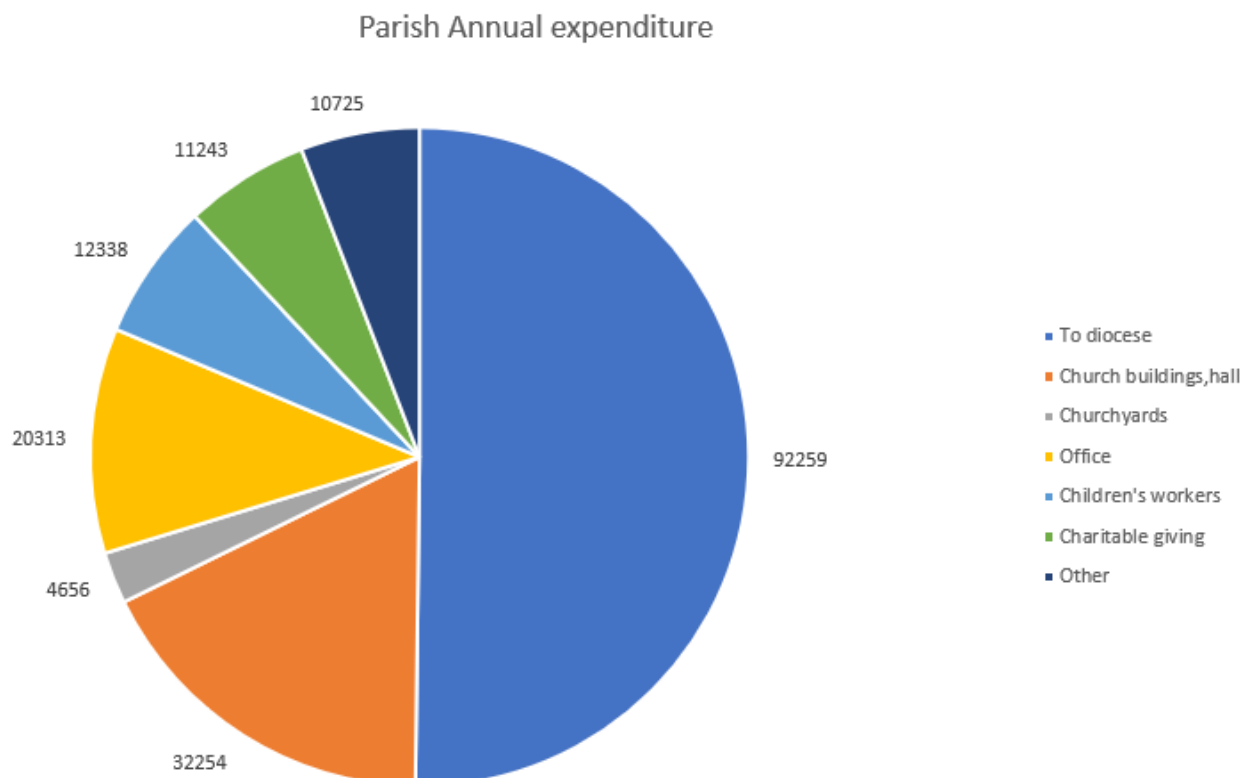


How do we spend the money?



Simplified spending in a typical year, based on 2023 figures.

The major cost is the “Parish Share” paid to the Diocese of Chester, 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 £1774 per week in Share in 2023.**

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 in Covertside omitted – letting income more than covers costs at present
- Parish Magazine omitted – advertising covers printing costs
- Church buildings and Hall includes maintenance, insurance, utilities and cleaning

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

The full Accounts for 2023 and Annual Report are available [here](#).

Some of our regular costs on top of the Parish Share

















At the time of writing (May 2024) our regular income has not kept pace with expenditure, which has been affected by the recent inflation. 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 £28k in income tax in 2023
- Donations can be designated for St Bridget's Church or Caldy Church if requested
- We are a registered charity: details 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

Many thanks to all our givers, but...

Our forecast for 2024 projects a **deficit of £30,000**

The bulk of our income is from donations, together with income tax refunds. £156,400 in 2023. We realise that not everyone has money to spare, but an increase in giving by 19% would bridge the gap.

