

Giving Update

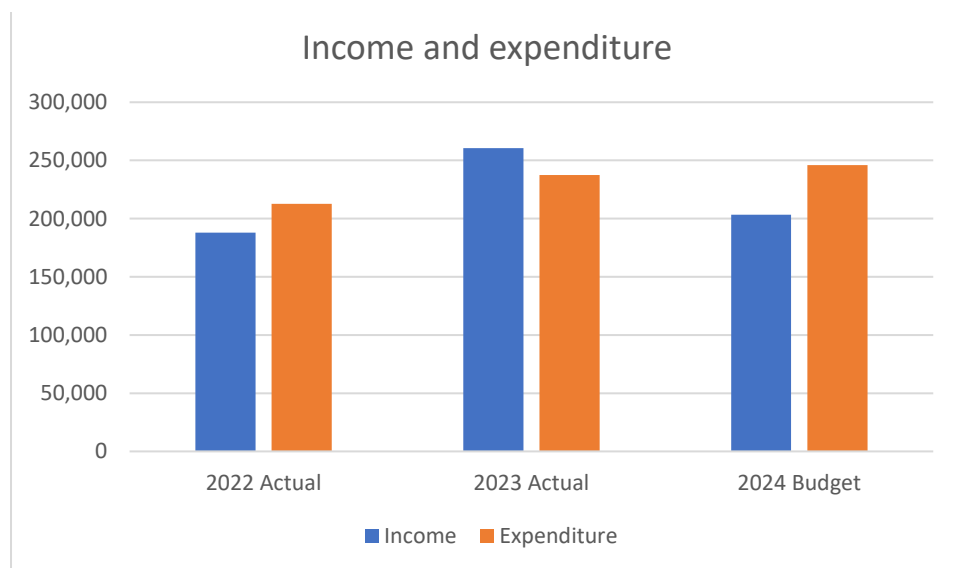
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St Anne's Limehouse

"Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

The gospel is about God's generosity to us in Jesus Christ. We worship him through generosity with our finances as well as in many other ways. In particular, we give money so that the message of God's generosity can be made known to more and more people.



Thank you to everyone who has given so generously over the years, whether you have been giving for many years, or just started. All the members of the PCC take the responsibility of stewarding God's resources very seriously and we are grateful for the trust that you have given to us.

The church was blessed during 2023 with some filming income and some generous gifts which compensated the increases in costs that all organisations and households experienced.

Whilst we are always grateful for any windfalls, they are, by definition, unpredictable and unreliable. The budget for 2024 is for a deficit of over £40,000 so we will continue to encourage you to reflect on how you can continue, or start, supporting St Anne's.

The amount that we can each give will vary, but the principle is for us to be partnering generously and joyfully in God's work however we are able.

1. Regular planned giving

Giving a regular amount each month is most helpful for church planning (and perhaps for you).

- **Parish Giving Scheme – Our preferred option if possible.** This allows gift aid (a further 25% on top of your donation) to be claimed back automatically. Pick up a form for details or use the website here <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/limehouse-st-anne-limehouse/>. Remember to cancel any existing standing orders to St Anne's if you choose to switch to PGS.
- **Other payroll or regular giving schemes** – (Stewardship, Charities Aid Foundation, etc.) – these may be a good option e.g. if they are offered by your workplace.
- **Standing order** – you can still give by standing order or bank transfer. Please ensure that your bank has our current bank details (sort code 401158; account 4011015). Do contact your bank to revise your regular contribution or get a new standing order form from Jean or from the church web site.

2. One-off giving

- **Online** – you can give to St Anne's online (and claim gift aid) using the link at www.stanneslimehouse.org/about/#ourfinances.
- **Card giving machine** – back of the church, with gift aid option.
- **Cheque** – payable to 'St Anne's Limehouse' and handed to any staff member or put in the collection bag. Please fill in a gift aid form if you are taxpayer.
- **Cash** – you're still welcome to give cash!

3. Legacies

- Please speak to Jean Whitnall if you would like advice on how to leave money to St Anne's tax-efficiently in your will.

For more information, please contact Liyi Zhang or Jean Whitnall (treasurer@stanneslimehouse.org)



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