

Dear All,

Just a note to ask you possibly for a little help with our parish finances at St Michael's, and also to thank you so much for the offertories you have been kindly posting and delivering, so much appreciated.

At our last Finance Committee meeting we reviewed our current finances and it was strongly felt that we were in real need and that we should make an appeal for some help.

So I have enclosed the appeal below from the committee, and if you were able possibly to give just a little help that would be so good. We're just now completing some of the really essential building renovation work on the church, on the entrance walls and on the west and south facing roof walls and so hopefully we will now be leak free.

Thank again you for all your support for St Michael's.

With kind regards,

Fr Chris

Dear Parishioner,

Parish Financial Crisis – Emergency Appeal

We hope you are all managing to keep well during the pandemic and lockdown.

Prior to the lockdown, the Parish finances were becoming ever more challenging with a mounting deficit between costs and income. This situation has been dramatically exacerbated by the lockdown. The purpose of this letter is to seek every parishioner's assistance in stabilising our finances before the situation becomes catastrophic.

The Parish's costs remain high, even after taking advantage of the government's furlough scheme to reduce staff costs. The Parish's main income comes from the Offertory Collection, either via Bankers Order or basket collection and it will be obvious that the latter has not been forthcoming for the last couple of months and may be for some months to come. We suspect that even when the church is able to reopen, many parishioners will choose to continue to self-isolate and we therefore don't expect a return to normal any time soon.

We are asking for your urgent help through one or more of the following:

One off donations: We would ask everyone to consider if they can make a emergency donation via a cash, cheque or BACS. Donations can be Gift-Aided if you are a tax-payer and all we need is a Gift Aid Declaration via Envelope or GAD form. Please see details on page 2.

Offertory Envelopes: Those who use the envelope system, please consider using one of the coloured envelopes to make a donation, please also consider missed donations throughout the shutdown.

Bankers Order: Setting up a regular monthly donation that will have longer term benefits to the parish's financial planning. If you or your partner are a tax payer we can also benefit from Gift-Aid on these donations.

Those who already support the church through this method, could you consider increasing your regular donations?

As the Parish moves to the "Next Normal" we expect finances to be a continued challenge so would ask you for your continued support.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Fr Chris or Russell Davies whose telephone numbers can be found on page 2.

Kind regards

Fr Chris on behalf of The Finance Committee

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Offertory Envelopes

Please drop to Father Chris's house or telephone the Parish Office if you'd like your donation to be collected from your home.

Tel: 01903 264770

Email: worthingstmichael@abdiocese.org.uk

One-Off Donation Envelopes

Please phone or email the Parish Office and we will send you an envelope and collect from you if required.

Tel: 01903 264770

Email: worthingstmichael@abdiocese.org.uk

Cheques Payable to:

RCD A&B St Michael

Bank Details for BACS:

Account name: RCD A&B St Michael

Sort Code: 40 05 20

Account No: 01076663

Banker's Order

Please email or Call Russell Davies, Gift Aid Co-Ordinator

Tel: 01903 693708

Email: russell.davies1961@btinternet.com

Gift Aid Declaration:

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