



TOP CHURCH

Funding our Ministry

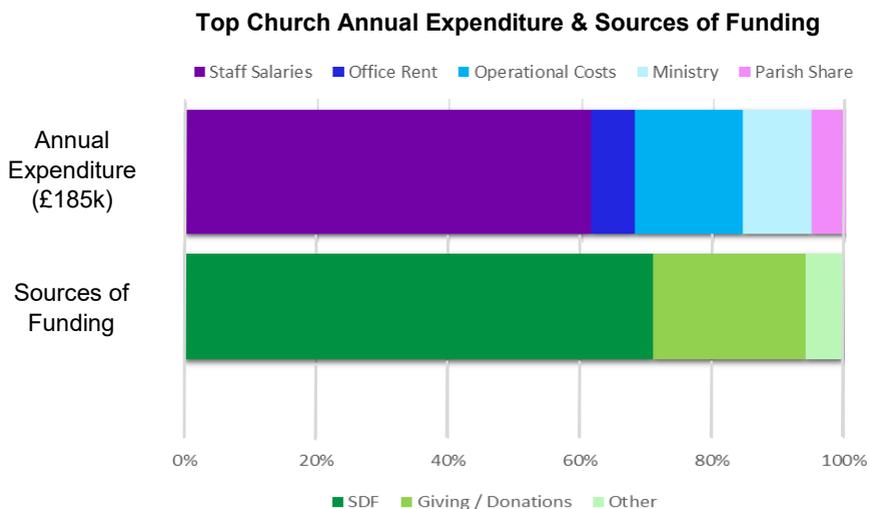
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Financial Snapshot

At Top Church, our hope and mission is to be a blessing to our community and share the good news of Jesus. This is often through our gatherings on Sundays and in midweek, along with actively working within our community. We also want to be good stewards of our finances, so that we are using it wisely to carry out our work as a church.

At present, we benefit from funding through the Church Commissioner's Strategic Development Fund (SDF). However, whilst being a blessing, this is restricted to certain uses only. SDF is used to fund staff salaries, our office rent and a proportion of our operational costs. Our ministry in its entirety and a significant proportion of operational costs are funded by the donations from people who give.

The chart below provides a simple breakdown to illustrate our annual expenditure and the sources of funding used to finance it.



- * Operational costs comprise utilities, insurance, security, IT services & communications, clergy & staff expenses, office equipment, training and administration.
- * Parish Share is a contribution that all churches make to the Worcester Diocese to fund clergy across the diocese.
- * 'Other' sources of funding come from office rental income, some chaplaincy services and endowments. These sources fund our Parish Share contribution.

Our Ministry

Giving has enabled us to carry out our church's ministry both in our building on Sundays and during the week, as well as out in the local community. We want to share how giving has directly funded our ministry in the last twelve months and the various missional activities we hope to do going forward through continued financial support.

In the last twelve months, giving has helped us...

- Resource our Sunday and midweek services, including food and drink, children and youth activities, and worship equipment.
- Rent and furnish Provision House to allow us to continue meeting on Sundays during the building project.
- Set-up Places of Welcome on Monday afternoons for members of the community to visit our church for food, drink and conversation.
- Set-up Toddler Town: a midweek toddler group for local parents and families.
- Run a Youth Alpha Course and hold mid-week socials for our youth.
- Establish a chaplaincy service with schools and colleges across the Dudley Borough, including Pegasus, Dudley FE College, St James, as well as building links with Jessen's School.
- Open the church to the community on Heritage Open Day, with activities for families to learn about the history of Top Church.
- Heat, power, insure, secure and maintain our church building.

Going forward we also hope to...

- Create a brand new website.
- Continue our ministry online by creating more videos and content for our YouTube channel, website and social media pages.
- Hold more midweek small groups and courses.
- Establish a fortnightly Bereavement Group to support those struggling with all kinds of bereavement.
- Increase our chaplaincy services in schools and colleges.
- Launch 'Dudley Experience Days' for schools to use our building to learn more about faith and Dudley's heritage.
- Explore ways of working with local GPs
- Create new signage for our church building.

Giving to Top Church

We are so grateful to everyone who supports Top Church, whether that be giving up your time and resources to help us at our Sunday services, midweek groups and other activities, or giving financially by those who are able.

If you feel led and are able to support us financially, we encourage giving by Direct Debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. This provides us with reliable income that helps us to confidently plan and budget our ministry. However, we understand this won't be suitable for all of us and there are many other ways to give to Top Church:

- Standing Order or BACs payment
- Online Donation via our website
- Contactless Giving
- Cash
- Cheque

As a registered charity, Top Church (as the Dudley Resourcing Churches Trust) is eligible to receive Gift Aid from HMRC. Gift Aid claims 25p on every £1 donated by UK taxpayers at no extra charge to the donor. If you would like Gift Aid to be added to your donation, please complete a quick declaration form (or envelope for cash donations) and place in the cash donations box at the back of the church.

More information on giving is available at the back of the church and on our website (topchurch.co.uk).

If you would like to know more about how to give or our church finances, you are welcome to get in touch with Nathan Conway (nathan@topchurch.co.uk).

Thank you for your support!



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