

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am reporting on the financial situation as of today and asking everyone to continue to help St Laurence's where they can.

The church income has 3 main streams we rely to balance the books and meet our obligations.

- Stewardship is primarily standing orders, pledge envelopes and congregational giving
- Events and hiring the space
- Visitor donations, tower visits, votive candle donations.

Stewardship income should cover parish share, church utility bills, maintenance of the buildings, staff salaries and the office running costs. Despite all those who contribute regularly this only covers 40% of the basic operational costs month by month.

The current model to raise extra funds and donate to good causes relies on events and visitor donations.

With the church shut the stark reality is we will only have Stewardship incomes to keep us going week by week for the coming months.

Stewardship

1. If you pay by standing order do please continue if you can.
2. If you are a weekly pledge envelope giver we still need your pledge.
3. If you are a donor through the congregational plate at a service we still need your help
4. Extra donations to the church general fund (in a gift aid envelope if possible) would be most welcome.

Increasing your standing order if you have not done so recently would be much appreciated to help us cover the gap in our running costs. Send an email notification to Peter at finance@stlaurences.org.uk

BACS - Account name **Ludlow PCC** Sort **405240** Acc No **00016766**
Cheques - must be made payable to "**LUDLOW PCC**" only.

You can go to the St John's Chapel to drop off money or a cheque in the donations box. If you are able to add Gift Aid please put your donation in a blue envelope and complete the front details.

Access to St John's is **only through the Garden of Remembrance**. It is open 10-5pm. The door you need is the second door along. You can also give by card on the Goodbox (up to £30 in one swipe). It is currently set at £5.00 but easy to change as required.

Remember our message to try to focus on what we can do and not on what we can't do. Use this time we have been forced to take from our normal activities to pray, read, rest and consider others as much as possible. We will get through this in the best way possible if we obey Jesus and love God with all our heart and others as we do ourselves.

Love and blessings in Christ,

Kelvin.