

Finance Alert — October 2025



We are here to support you and your church

The Finance team at St Mary's house are here to support and guide you and your church, helping you to boost giving and generosity, simplifying your Accounts and Administration and guiding you through now and future changes.

Contactless



Now we are almost at the end of Generosity week, is this a good time to talk about a contactless device?

Statistics show that churches across the UK received nearly £10M through digital donations in 2022 alone.

Weddings, Baptisms and events at your church means that more visitors to your church have the opportunity to tap to donate.

We are on hand to help guide and support you from picking the right machine for your church to getting it configured and setup ready to take payments.



If you are thinking of taking the contactless leap drop Julie a message and we can discuss what is right for your church.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Did You know

ALL Church of England PCC's with an income of over £5,000 will have to register with the Charity Commission by March 31 2031. Churches with an income of over £100,000 must already be registered or if not you must register immediately.

You can find out more information at the GOV.UK website under excepted charities section.

If this applies to you don't panic we have our very own Karen Brooke on hand to help and guide you through.

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Cornerstone

Our Pilot training sessions are in full swing, getting our first churches setup and fully trained in Cornerstone. The new free to use platform provided by the Church of England. Cornerstone focus's on Insights—Allowing you to see you finances in simple graphs showing you what you are good at and what could do with a little boost. Pathways helps to guide and support you through projects such as net zero, community, generosity and fundraising and the Grants database for when you need a little bit more than pathways. Full training is provided to all users to ensure that you get the most out of your experience. To sign up for our up and coming next training sessions drop your Giving Advisors Rachael Wheeler or Jess Dace a message at

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The Church Organiser

Do you have a....

Hall to advertise, ticketed events coming up, or snowed under with administration tasks for Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms?



The Church Organiser is a free tool that is available to all churches within the Diocese.

This fantastic platform allows you to not only record all of your service details in a safe and secure way, it also helps to boost your generosity, simplify your administration and support your congregation.

The Finance team is here to support your setup, roll out and implementation of the Church Organiser. Drop us an email at finance@lichfield.anglican.org and we can arrange a demo of the platform and a chat with your Giving Advisor.

Also coming soon (keep your eyes peeled).....



* A special training day with the I know Church creators of the Church Organiser in Lichfield

* Integration of My Fund Accounting into the Church Organiser

PCC and APCM meeting tools

Up and coming Diary Dates:-

Fee Changes	1st January 2026
Statistics for Mission	31st January 2026
APCM	To be held by 31st May 2026
Accounts	To be sent within 28 days of your APCM meeting
Parish Finance Form	Input via Parish Returns online or sent to the Finance team by 28th June
Return of Parish Finance	30th June 2026
Energy Footprint	30th June 2026



The Finance Department:- Who's who here at St Marys

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Best wishes from The Finance Department

