

Finance Minutes January 2023
Minutes of St Edmund's Parish Finance Committee 13th January 2023

Present: Fr Michael Brookes, Neil Mayhew, Terry Jones

1. Matters Arising

School Lease

It was acknowledged that this represents some challenges for fuller consideration, and that once a clearer position has been established the details should be put before the parish for consultation.

Treasurer

Neil Mayhew has kindly accepted the role of parish treasurer and is familiarising himself with his responsibilities. Both Neil and Fr Mike attended some useful diocesan training regarding parish finances in December

Fabric and Grounds

The noticeboard at Harleston is now in situ. The sound system at Bungay has been replaced.

2. Stewardship

The parish will be participating in the diocese's Stewardship Campaign in the spring, which encourages parishioners to consider the resources they can offer to the parish – practical and financial – along with a developing vision for ministry. This will be dovetailed with the local response to the Synodal process.

3. Parish Collections

Given the expected shortfall in this year's budget, both the Stewardship Campaign and a further push on Gift Aid and standing orders will be opportunities to encourage parishioners to support the parish. Following recommendations from the diocese, it was decided that we would trial the Dona system of electronic giving both at church and on the website.

4. Presbytery Upgrades

Fr Mike reported that the estimate for the bathroom upgrade was priced at £6-7k, and undertook to try and obtain other quotes, although it was agreed that this was not an unexpected figure. The repairs and replacements to doors and two new carpets will proceed in that order in the next few months.

5. Finance Committee Membership

In light of other organisational changes, current members will be asked if they wish to continue on the committee and where necessary interest will be solicited as to new members being appointed.

6. Next meeting

Date to be agreed when membership has been clarified.