

Finance Alert — June 2026



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.

Return of Parish Finance Reminder - The Deadline is approaching

The cut off for the Return of Parish Finance 2025 is the 28th June 2026. Parishes can submit online via parish returns online or alternatively if they can complete the form and send it through to RPF@lichfield.anglican.org and a member of our team will be able to input it on your behalf. Please reach out to us if you are struggling to reach the deadline, we are here to help.



Places of Worship renewal fund

which has replaced the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, has opened. Please note only Listed churches can apply, grants for up to £1m. The criteria is as follows:-

- * **The church must be in the first three categories of Multiple Deprivation indices 1-3.**
- * **Need to appear in the CNI list (Community Needs Index), but this is not publicly available.**
- * **Must have good community usage and good finances.**

The application can be up to 80% of funding if you qualify, although Historic England who manage the funding could consider 100% of the funding if the parish cannot afford it. You would need a letter of support from the diocese. The next opportunity Expression of Interest is **September 2026**.

Please remember that Cornerstone is also available to help churches to utilise grants which are available in your area and help to make your church sustainable now and for the future. To sign up to Cornerstone or for more information please email Rach and Fiona at parishresources@lichfield.anglican.org

Parochial Fee Return

The Diocese are now asking for your Parochial fee Returns to be submitted over to us on a monthly basis even if it is Nil? This will help spread the admin load and it will also help when applying for grants and funding as these figures will be looked at. Any questions please reach out to parishresources@lichfield.anglican.org

Summer Fundraising

We know that the longer days and warmer evenings bring people outside. Over the next couple of months there are good opportunities to help your church to raise a little more money. Below are some ideas which your church may want to try in your community this summer :-



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| * Bake Sale | * Brekkie or coffee morning | * Supper club |
| * Community Lunch | * Quiz night | * Family fun day |
| * Local Craft fair | * Music Event | |

If you would like some tips or some help, please drop us an email at parishresources@lichfield.anglican.org and we will be able to help you get your event up and running. We can help with advertising ideas, contactless devices, Free marketing resources.

Charity Registration



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Becoming a registered charity can help with banking facilities and special rates on services aimed at the charity sector and helps to build trust with donors and supporters, allowing them to see that you are complying with charity law and guidance.

If you would like to start the process to become registered, please email Karen at the below email address and she will get the ball rolling for you. You can beat the 2031 rush.

parishresources@lichfield.anglican.org

Up and coming Diary Dates:-



APCM	To be held by 31st May 2026
Accounts	To be sent within 28 days of your APCM meeting
Return of Parish Finance	30th June 2026
Energy Footprint	30th June 2026

Coming Soon....

Our point of contact index will soon be available on the website.

Link will be featured in the next Finance Alert

Free Fundraising for your church!



Almost £100k in donations has just been given to churches using easyfundraising. All courtesy of retailers giving **donations** when kind supporters shop online. Your church can be part of the next funding pay out in August by setting up a free easyfundraising page. Simply register your church as a good cause with easyfundraising and ask your church community to choose you as the cause they want to support. Then, each time they shop online with over 8,000 well known retailers like Tesco, trainline, M&S, Sainsbury's, Booking.com, eBay and many more, they'll activate a cash-back donation for your church courtesy of the retailer they shopped with – **at no extra cost to anyone**.

Every three months, the money raised is paid to your church and you can spend it on whatever you like as this classifies as unrestricted funding. Find out more and register your church at [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org) or if you need some help email parishresources@lichfield.anglican.org

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

Jonathan Hill	Director of Finance
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Jean Overton	Parish Support Team Officer
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Karen Brooke	Senior Support Officer
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Chloe Smith	Finance Administration Officer
Rachael Wheeler	Finance Development Worker and Giving Advisor
Fiona North	Project Support and Church Buildings Officer

A prayer for your world



Gracious God,
This world
Your creation
Rolled into a sphere
Packaged in sunshine
Gift-wrapped in love
Given to us
Thank you

Amen

New releases for 2026



New Training sessions coming soon

* Cornerstone * Church Organiser * MGAOL * MFAOL * Deanery * Drop in sessions

For more information on any of the above please email us on parishresources@lichfield.anglican.org

Best wishes from The Finance Department

