

## The Opportunity

We are truly grateful to God for the way in which he has provided for all that we do here at Christ Church. We are also thankful for the way in which members of the congregation commit themselves to regular giving, not just financial, but also time and talents.

At present, the financial challenge this year is for us to increase our regular monthly giving to the PCC and to the Christ Church Trust so that our ongoing expenditure is met by our regular giving. This will allow us to meet our anticipated costs for 2011 and will enable us to work together to become the Church that God wants us to be.

There will be an opportunity in the summer term to give to the work of our Mission Partners, but for now **Sunday 6th March** is a key date in the church calendar. During our services on that day we will be inviting people to bring back their pledges as a sign of their commitment to the ministry at Christ Church. We ask you to take away the pledge form, pray through your response and bring it back on Sunday 6th March.

The Bible teaches 5 key principles for our giving. Our giving should be:

**PROPORTIONAL - REGULAR - SECRET - SACRIFICIAL - JOYFUL**

## Questions

It would be helpful if you could consider the following questions in the run-up to that day:

**CAN YOU GIVE?** If you call Christ Church your church, and do not currently give to the church, are you in a position to be able to start doing so this year?

**CAN YOU GIVE REGULARLY?** Christ Church really appreciates any gifts that are given, but it is particularly helpful if gifts are regular (through Standing Order, for example). This really helps us with our budgeting and our financial planning.

**CAN YOU GIVE MORE?** It may be that you already give regularly to Christ Church, for which we are really grateful. But, it may be that you haven't reviewed your giving recently. Are you in a position to be able to increase your current levels of giving?

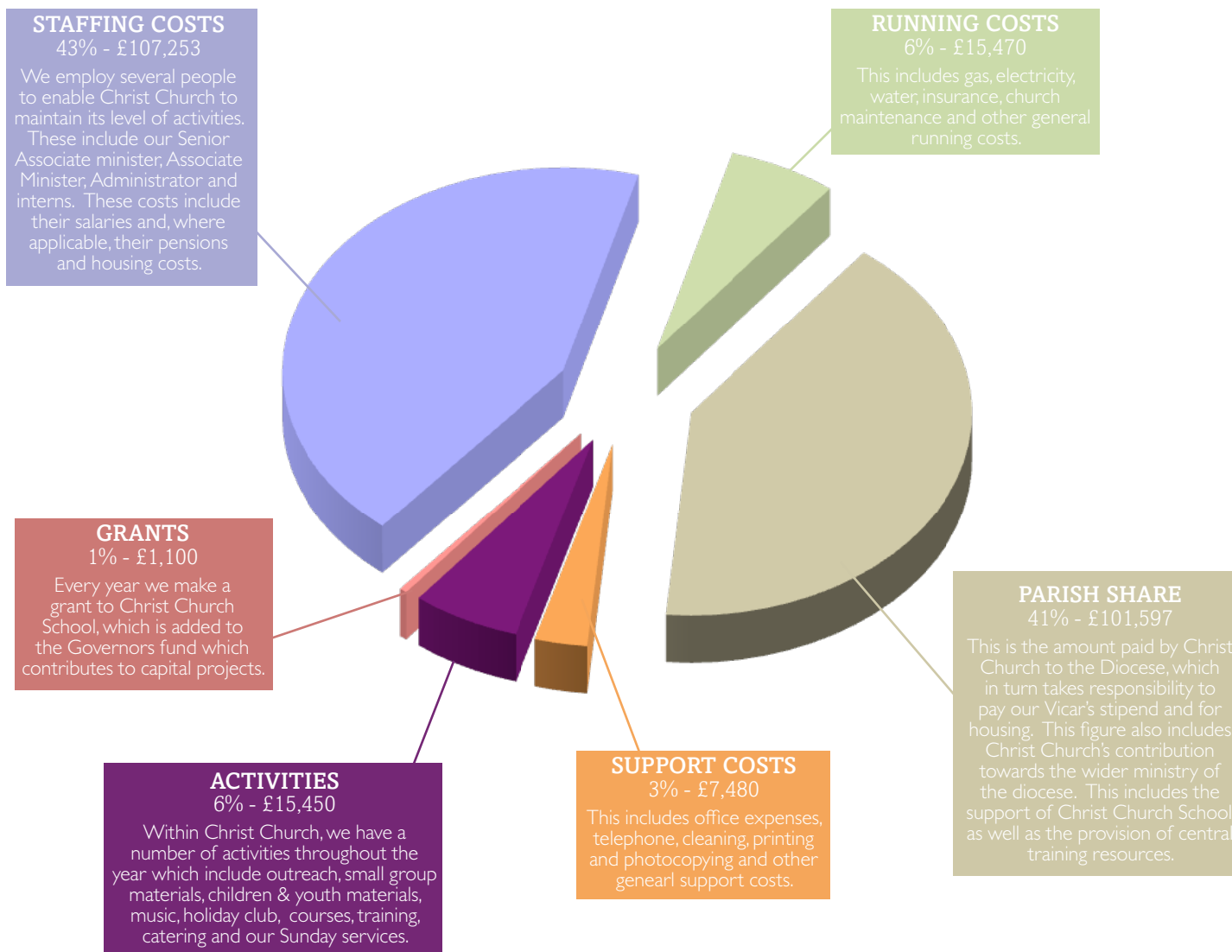
# Giving 2011

## Christ Church



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# Total Planned Expenditure 2011: £248,350\*



## Giving to Christ Church

At Christ Church our vision is to honour God in every part of our lives as we seek to build a Christ-centred community and see lives changed by the good news of the Gospel.

As we commit ourselves to this vision, we believe that we are members of God's family and we belong to him. All that we are and all that we have are his. Part of our family responsibility is to use the resources he gives us for his purposes and his glory.

This leaflet gives some details of the expenditure at Christ Church. As you will see, we face a significant challenge each year to raise the income we need to resource this vision. We want to encourage as many people as possible to join in here at Christ Church so that we can continue to impact our community with the good news of Jesus.

## IMPORTANT

The ongoing work at Christ Church is paid for through two main funds - the Christ Church PCC and the Christ Church Trust. This leaflet gives the annual expenditure for both main funds - ie. the entire Christ Church budget.

We therefore encourage those who wish to support the ministry to divide their regular giving between the PCC and the Christ Church Trust, ideally 2/3 to the PCC and 1/3 to the Trust.

\*Please note: As a church, our giving to our Mission Partners is over and above our other giving. In 2010, we gave £13,500. There will be more information about this later in 2011.