

# The Eldwick Church 2019 Budget

## Background

At the special congregational meeting on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, the trustees presented the draft budget for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. During the meeting:

- a. We outlined where our income comes from and where the expenses go.
- b. Some expenses costs are fixed – such as Share.
  - i. Set by the Diocese of Leeds  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> goes to the Airedale Methodist circuit with the remainder ( $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup>) going to the Diocese of Leeds. This is because our minister, Rev Peter Mayo-Smith, is provided by the Diocese.
  - ii. The mood of the meeting was that we should always pay our full share.
- c. The other expense costs are in our control and the trustees have taken a hard look at these to ensure that we use all the money given in the best possible way.
- d. In planning the budget, we assumed that all individual planned giving will continue at the present levels, apart from allowing for some known losses or changes.

We had suggested that we reduce our charitable giving; ***however, we were asked by the meeting to continue our giving in line with the policy of recent years.*** This would mean our overall budget would show an increased deficit of approximately **£4,400** in 2019.

We realise and appreciate how generous folk have been towards the new building. God has richly blessed us. Up to now we have been funding the deficit using our reserves. However, as the building project enters its final stages and project demands reduce and coming to an end, we believe that, in order to exercise responsible stewardship of church finances, we need to make this effort to re-balance our day to day finances and reduce the deficit as much as possible.

At the meeting the trustees asked everyone to prayerfully and carefully consider their giving. It maybe you have already done this recently – some  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> have revised their giving within the last 2 years – and a big thank you to them. The trustees wish to stress that what you give is between you and God.

## The Next Steps

Could we ask you to prayerfully consider your level of regular giving taking account of your financial circumstances, other practical contributions you make and then decide how much you wish and feel able to give back to God to support His work in Eldwick.

Then complete the boxes on the back page and place the completed form in the box provided in Church, or hand it (or send it by email) to Sharron Arnold.

The trustees will then “re-cast” the budget to reflect the changes giving us the new budget; which will be presented to trustees for their approval at their Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December meeting and then shared with the church.

**To enable us to do this, please respond by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

***Thank you***

# GIVING APPEAL – PLEDGE FORM

After careful and prayerful thought, I would like my giving to be:

FREQUENCY	AMOUNT	WITH EFFECT FROM (date)
Weekly	£	
Monthly	£	

*Please indicate (tick or circle) the appropriate frequency and then complete the row for that item.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**With grateful thanks from all the Trustees:**

*Revd Peter Mayo-Smith, Revd Ruth Crompton, Anne Brown, Jackie Burrows, Sue Huntington,  
Carole Tyson, Margaret Hartley and Richard Arnold*

*If you require further information or guidance, please speak to any of the trustees.*