



# Christ the King

with St. Augustine's



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## MINUTES OF FINANCE MEETING

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 @ 6.30pm

### ATTENDEES:

Fr Tom, Fr Benedict, Danny O' Flanagan, Will Carr, Geraldine Reidy, Con McHugh, Martin McLintock, Roger Ladbury, Julie-Anne Moreton.

### APOLOGIES: None.

0 **Prayer.**

The meeting began with a prayer.

1 **Minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

The minutes of the last meeting were formally agreed.

2 **Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

3 **Signing of the Minutes**

Fr Tom agreed to sign a set of the minutes for the Parish Records.

4 **Financial Statement**

The Parish made a deficit of £88,006 in 2024. This was offset by income of £109,600 from the Parish Centre and St Augustine's Sports Hall, resulting in an overall surplus of £ 21,594.

5 **Bank Account Balance and Cashflow (paper circulated)**

The bank statement dates 28 Feb 2025 showed a balance of £202,014.26. This is in line with previous statements. This amount will allow us to continue to help some of the poorer parishes in the area and also to have a balance to meet some of the proposed work required as outlined below.

6 **Investment Scheme (paper circulated)**

The figures for the Investment Scheme were circulated and these showed a Unit Value £836,593.36 with an Income to the parish of £9,142.72 (June) £7,529.44 (December) giving an annual total of £16,672.16.

## 7 **Solar Panel Project (Con McHugh)**

Con gave a verbal update as follows:

- Attend Fit for Purpose Conference in October 2024.
- Parish Energy Analysis based on 12 months data- October 2024. Total cost £20K (Gas £12K). Total Power 138kWh (Gas 118kWh). There were several issues highlighted in a separate email and this was sent to the Archdiocese, and forwarded to Churchmarketplace. After 4 months Fr Tom is still waiting to get a response. He will follow this up with the Diocese. Two questions were asked. Firstly, the charging rates for the energy being used and secondly, approved contractors for Solar Panels.
- Energy Survey - 13 January 2025. Matt Fulford  
<https://www.inspireefficiency.co.uk>  
Ten Key points: Switch Energy provider, Use of EV points, use of Low energy lighting, Install Solar PV system with battery storage, Replace single glaze church windows, Church – Air to Air heat pump, Library – Air to Air heat pump, Presbytery- Air to Water heat pump, Presbytery Flat - Air to Water heat pump.  
The age of the church boiler was considered end of life and should be replaced before it fails.
- Solar PV - Contacted Optimum Electrics, <https://www.optimumelectrics.co.uk> Thursday 30 January 2025. Received 2 options to consider 1. Presbytery and Church Elec supply (42 panels/19.32KW). 2. 1 plus power for church heat pump (76 panels/34.96KW).

### Actions:

- 1 Con to request quotes for Church Air to Air heat pump system. Discuss with Fr Tom.
2. Danny offered to let Con have details of a Solar PV supplier he knows.

## 8 **Parish Council (names submitted to Diocese)**

CTK/STA are in the same Cluster as St Osburg's, St Elizabeth's and Holy Family. Fr Tom updated the meeting on the structure of CTK parish council. He mentioned that a representative from the finance meeting should be part of the council. Fr Tom proposed that Julie-Anne joins and this was accepted.

## 9 **Fr Dominic's Project – Grant of £10,000 to build School Hall**

Fr Tom updated the meeting on his recent visit to India to see St Mary's (<https://www.stmarystrust.org>) a project overseen by Fr Dominic Chukka. It was agreed to provide the grant in one lump sum.

## 10 **Building work other parishes in the Deanery**

St Elizabeth's parish meeting room with kitchen and disabled toilets is now complete. £30k grant was given by Christ the King.  
St Osburg's parish hall improvements are now complete, and the hall is back in use. Christ the King secured a grant of £17,000 for this work at St Osburg's and will help them refurbish the toilets in the hall providing a disabled toilet to the existing facilities.

- 11 **Working together with other parishes in the Deanery**  
The Coventry and Nuneaton Deanery has been divided into four Missions / Clusters. Fr Tom explained the need to do this as there were fewer priests to cover the same number of churches. Within a cluster Sunday Mass times are being reviewed so that cover can come from within the cluster. There was discussion on how to establish the operation of the clusters and some practical issues. Fr Tom mention that during Lent he had a 7am Mass and this initiative could be pushed within the cluster.
- 12 **Diocesan Fundraising Appeal (papers attached)**  
Fr Tom gave an overview of the paper on the upcoming Archdiocese Fundraising Appeal. There will be four successive weekends of information in parishes at Sunday masses 1 Parish Priest talk: Stewardship, 2 Lay Leader talk: Our Parish Our Responsibility, 3 Parishioner Decision: pledge cards, 4 Volunteers: Thankyou & materials distributed.
- 13 **Parish Centre (lease to be transferred to Brendan Morgan)**  
Fr Tom acknowledged all the work Matthew Roddy had done in the Centre and thanked him for his efforts. On 7 April a the lease will transfer to Brendan Morgan (5 year Term).
- 14 **St Augustine's Sport Centre Car Park**  
There are 2 years left on the current lease. There are some remedial works to be done on the car park to repair small damage. Fr Tom had spoken to a local contractor to arrange for this work to be done over the summer.
- 15 **Car Park Exit and Entrance Update (Line markings completed)**  
This work is now complete and is seen to be of benefit to all those leaving the car park.
- 16 **Diocesan Compliance Update**  
This work is now complete for all the parish facilities (H&S, Gas, Asbestos, Compliance Register, Electrical Safety)

### **AOB**

Roger mentioned that during the monthly Adoration an electrical mains cable that is used to provide a light on the altar is a trip hazard. Following discussion it was agreed that a mains socket should be installed on the floor in the altar area to remove this hazard.

### **Date of next meeting**

To be agreed by email

**The meeting concluded at 7.45pm.**