



	<p>candles, flowers and papers and through the repository.</p> <p>Expenditure – our total expenditure for 2018 was £125,622 with the largest expense being the upkeep and maintenance of the buildings, the priests and other staff salaries. A large sum also goes to the Diocese which helps to pay for our schools, among other things.</p> <p>The spreadsheet showed an £8,352 surplus which is roughly equivalent to what we received from Alive in Faith, so we have broken even financially this last year.</p> <p>James also highlighted the amount collected from the second collection over the year, which amounted to £27,000 for the many good causes we have supported including the work of CAFOD.</p> <p>It was suggested that we could make use of either a donations box in the church, as well as making available the facility to make contactless donations and donation by text. The Tech Group and Treasurers will look into these possibilities.</p> <p>Fr Simon mentioned that there may be people in the Parish who may not realise that ‘Alive in Faith’ is still an active fundraising project which they are able to join and contribute to either with one-off donations or through a regular monthly donation. The money from this fund is being used to support the work of the SVP and to contribute to the cost of replacing the roof.</p> <p>Richard Birkett made a plea to those using the Parish printer to be aware of the printing costs when printing colour copies. Colour costs considerably more than black and white. This prompted a vote of thanks to be given to Nora Darby and Sarah Sykes on the production of the Pilgrim magazine. It was agreed that in this case the colour photos greatly enhanced the magazine and was worth the expense. The magazine has a wide-reach and readership beyond our church and as such is good for outreach with a worldwide audience.</p>	Tech Group/ Treasurers
5.	<p><b>Feature presentations</b></p>	
	<p><b>Pound for Peru</b> – Nora Darby presented a final update to mark the end of this fundraising endeavour. She talked about the projects which had been supported by our donations and reported on the final amount raised which was: £7,047.44 and thanked the Parish for its support. Thanks were also given by the Forum Chair to the CAFOD Parish team who set up and ran this initiative.</p> <p><b>Cambridge Churches Homeless Project</b> – Serga Collett talked about how, following an appeal last winter by one of the project’s co-ordinators, she volunteered to help and has found it a rewarding and worthwhile experience. The project serves about 17 homeless people a night from November – March, providing them with a hot meal, washing facilities and somewhere to sleep. These facilities are provided by places of worship around Cambridge on a rotation basis. They have a no drink and drugs policy and no trouble was experienced. She found that it was an enriching experience for herself and a stabilising one for the homeless as it often helped to them being able to be found permanent housing. Volunteers are always welcomed whether for a few hours or overnight. It is a good ecumenical activity and those churches without the facilities to host often send volunteers instead.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Liturgy</b></p>	

	<p>The times for the Easter Masses and Stations of the Cross are:  Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass; Good Friday: 10.30am Children’s Stations of the Cross, 3pm Mass, 7.30pm Adult’s Stations of the Cross; Easter Saturday: 9pm Vigil Mass; Easter Sunday: usual Sunday Mass times</p>	
7.	<p><b>Buildings</b></p> <p><b>Church roof:</b> Fr Simon has received some quote for repairing the church roof. Quotes are coming in from Lodge Roofing (Suffolk), Cambridge Roofing, and another local company. One suggestion proposed was that the roof tiles be replaced by slate rather than pan tiles. They would be more durable, however would be about £30,000 more expensive – so cost probably rules out this option. We could also opt to reuse the existing tiles, but as they are already 60yrs old they are becoming porous and would not be a good solution long-term.</p> <p>Roughly costs are showing as: £35k to replace with our current tiles; £45k to replace with new tiles; £75k to replace with slate tiles. New insulation is needed in the roof to meet modern regulations. There is a possibility that this might change the profile of church roof. In a recent meeting of the Finance Committee, it was agreed that the best investment would be in new pan tiles with the majority of the cost being met by ‘Alive in Faith’ money. Fr Simon hopes to be able to get the work done over the summer. He will also get quotes for upgrading the presbytery roof for the future, which is also in need of modern standard insulation.</p> <p><b>Sanctuary:</b> Fr Simon has spoken with Andy Brown of Brown &amp; Ralph (formerly of Rattee &amp; Kett) who are very reputable stonemasons and also general builders. Their architectural technician will produce drawings which Fr Simon will bring to the next Forum.</p>	<p>Fr Simon</p> <p>Fr Simon</p>
8.	<p><b>Updates from Parish Groups and Activities</b></p> <p><b>Confirmation</b> – Helena reported that this will take place at the end of June. Meanwhile the candidates are busy preparing and will take part in the Ignite Festival and will join the Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage on 6<sup>th</sup> May. They had a very good Reconciliation session in the church led by Fr Simon along with candidates from Philip Howard and Cambourne churches, and took part in the Stations of the Cross.</p> <p><b>CAFOD</b> – Serga reported on Lent activities: family fast collection, hunger lunch, short film presentation and report given by Jeanette and Andrew Milbourn on their trip to the CAFOD’s Climate Change conference in Poland and the speakers from Palestine who spoke at an 11am Sunday Mass. The visitors had been very grateful to be able to come and it was valuable to hear how money raised is being spent in other parts of the world. She also reported that Jeanette has since been appointed by CAFOD as the Parish Volunteer Coordinator for the Cambridge Deanery and will speak on CAFOD’s behalf at various parishes in the area. For the future it is hoped to plan a special event in honour of Creation Celebration day, an historical churches cycle ride, and an auction of promises towards the end of the year.</p> <p><b>SVP</b> – Christine Knight reported that the SVP will host a Senior Citizen’s Lunch on 27<sup>th</sup> April. All are welcome but places limited, so please book if you would like to come. The Offertory Collection on Maundy Thursday Mass will be taken in support of SVP’s work.</p>	
9.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Fr Simon announced that the Bishop has asked Fr Johanne, who is on a Sabbatical Year with us, to go and help at St Edmund’s, Bury St Edmunds over the summer. He will hopefully return to us in the autumn when a new priest is due to be appointed at St Edmund’s in September.</p>	

	<p>Pat Cook, Parish Secretary, is now back at home after a spell in hospital. Fr Simon reported that we are covering salary costs for her, as well as for the Office cover. Pat would like to come back to work as soon as possible. The Forum sent best wishes to Pat for a speedy recovery and thanks to Sarah Sykes for providing cover.</p> <p>Paul Simmons suggested that one Sunday second collection could be used to support the charity WinterComfort. It would also be good to invite someone from that organisation to speak on the chosen weekend to encourage the history of volunteering at the charity which St Laurence's Parish has had for many years.</p>	Fac Group
10.	<p><b><u>Dates for the next meetings</u></b></p>	
	<p>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</p> <p>All meetings start at 8pm</p>	