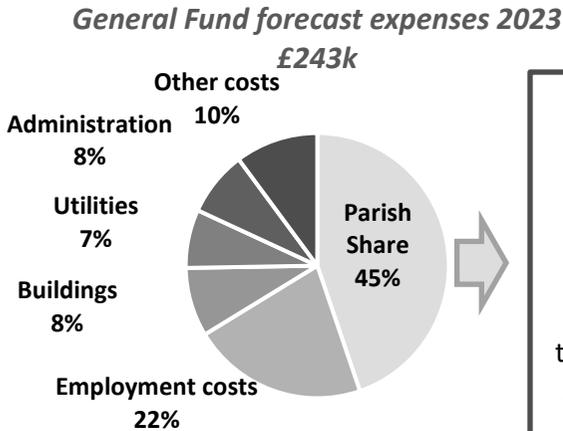




Planned Giving Appeal 2023

It will cost **£850 a day** to fund The Bourne Parish this year and cost pressures on many items – staff salaries, costs of gas and electricity and repairs to buildings have increased significantly, some at **over 10%**. Most of these costs are incurred in the **General Fund**, which covers the day-to-day running costs of the parish, excluding **Youthwork**, which is funded separately.

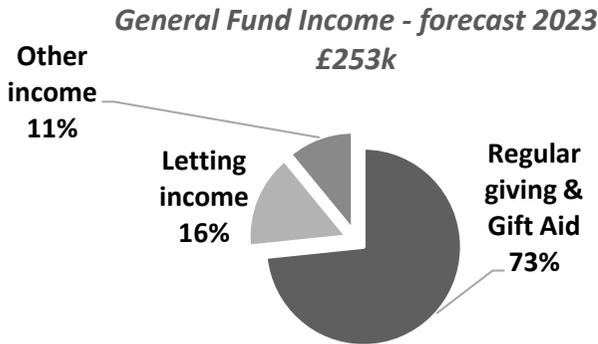


Parish Share covers the stipend, pension and housing costs for our vicar, our contribution towards diocesan costs and our donations to other parts of the Church of England which are much less affluent than our parish

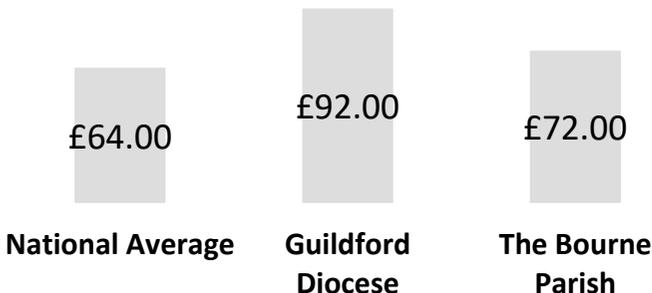
Note: this excludes the 'one-off' cost of repairing **St Thomas's flat roof**, estimated at £30,000, which will be subject to specific fund-raising



Although our general fund costs in 2023 are around £10k lower than our forecast income, we urgently need to **rebuild cash reserves** which have fallen significantly in recent years and are now half the level we should be operating at. **Planned giving** represents over 70% of the income required to support our work.



Planned giving underpins the work of the parish, but the average level of **monthly giving** in The Bourne is over 20% lower than the average for Guildford diocese (2020-2022 figures).





How can I help?

If you give only occasionally to the parish or currently give by standing order, yellow envelope or Stripe please consider switching to the **Parish Giving Scheme**, which most of our supporters use. This has many advantages for you and for the parish:-

- **Gift Aid** is reclaimed by the PGS team and paid promptly to The Bourne – improving cash flow and saving on our administration time and effort
- Direct debits can be set up on a **monthly basis**
- Donors can, if they wish, allow donations to increase in line with **CPI inflation** annually
- All donations can be completely **anonymous**
- **It is easy to change donation levels** if circumstances change

There is a link to the the Parish Giving Scheme's Bourne Parish page on the parish website – also given here:-

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/the-bourne-farnham/>



How can I help?

If you only give occasionally – for instance via yellow Gift Aid envelopes, please consider joining others who have signed up for the **Parish Giving Scheme**.

If you already give regularly then please consider whether you can increase your existing planned giving to The Bourne Parish, preferably via the **Parish Giving Scheme**.

Volunteers will be available after the **10am services at St Thomas's on 12th, 19th and 26th of February** to help you set up a regular donation via Parish Giving Scheme and answer any questions you may have.

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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY AND OUTREACH OF THE
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