

# GIVING AT ST. SAVIOUR'S

SPRING 2025





# Dear friends,

As we think about giving at St. Saviour's, we wanted to share some stories of what God has been doing, let you know where we believe God is calling us to next and one way that you can get involved.

It's been amazing to see God at work throughout our community over the last year. During the last few Sundays you will have seen some videos talking about some of these stories, and as you read on, you'll hear more. This is only a small snapshot of the ways we see God at work weekly throughout the life of our church. We are so grateful to those who already give sacrificially to the work at St Saviour's - your giving enables all of this to happen, and more.

Over the coming months you will be hearing about the vision of where we believe God is leading us next. We believe we are being called to build a diverse, multigenerational church community that **equips** everyone for whole life discipleship, **invests** in emerging generations and **transforms** our town in the power of Jesus. I am excited to share more about this with you, and how you can play your part in turning this vision into reality, of which finances are a key part. Do read on to hear about some of the ways this is happening already!

With love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham'. The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Graham Shaw | Rector of St. Saviour's



## 300 secondary school students hearing Jesus using 'silent disco' headphones!

Since Easter 2024, St. Saviour's Youth ministry has hosted 2 separate Christ College School Retreat days.

In both of those retreats, using the silent disco headphones which were generously sponsored by members of our congregation, hundreds of teenagers

have engaged with activities that shared the good news of Jesus! We hosted a fully immersive room based on the Creation story using headphones and projectors to bring the creation story to life. We also used the headphones to show incredible animations created by The Bible Project, using their videos to unpack the gospels of Jesus & the Bible. We look forward to hosting Christ College again, for another retreat day this coming Easter 2025.



## Ministry Student – Rachel Akodu

During my time as a ministry student, I have experienced deep support, encouragement, and empowerment in my faith and discipleship journey. I've had incredible opportunities to lead, serve, and build community while allowing God to shape and stretch me. This year has been one of growing in trust and walking alongside others in their discipleship. It has been amazing to witness not only my own growth but also the transformation in the lives of those around me.

## Answered Prayer

At ABIDE we have seen an increased hunger to gather to worship and pray together across our church family. We have been encouraged by answered prayers for things we've prayed for at ABIDE, especially the financial provision for the North Guildford Food Bank over Christmas. It's been wonderful to have been led in prayer by a wide-range of people representing our church community, as we've prayed for our church, Guildford and our world.



Scan the QR code to watch the video:



## Community & belonging

A regular family from our Baby & Toddler group attended several Christmas events, including the Crafternoon, Big Family Christmas Service, and Christingle last year. The mum repeatedly shared with Hannah how much her kids loved coming, how welcomed they felt, and how the Toddler group helped them feel like they belong. It's so encouraging to see St Saviour's fostering this strong sense of belonging and community beyond regular Sunday services. Another person who attends our Toddler group has chosen to start Alpha here, which speaks volumes into the welcome and the love for the community that is shown here at St Saviour's.

## Chaplaincy, Cameo and ffty+ - Norman Patterson

I am so grateful for having the privilege of serving as chaplain to the wonderful staff team. We praise God that we are blessed with such a committed and gifted team.

I'm enjoying the opportunity to serve as the 9am congregational pastor, where we've seen a growing sense of community particularly through our breakfast socials (thanks Kate!).

Cameo continues to be a caring, loving and inspiring community - it is a delight to be part of the coffee mornings and skittles socials - what a competitive bunch!

Following the success of the recent 'Navigating retirement' morning, ffty+ is about to be launched, providing opportunities to equip us to follow Jesus as we enter a new phase of life.

## Curiosity, boldness and faith

Students and Young Adults are increasingly open and ready to engage with faith and spirituality, and we're seeing that here at St. Saviour's. This ministry is thriving and growing. Last year, one of our students



invited their housemate, who was curious about faith to our Tuesday gatherings and our Alpha course. After completing Alpha, he kept attending our student group and we are overjoyed to share that he has now become a Christian and is an active part of our church community. This is so exciting. But what's equally inspirational is seeing our students step out boldly and sharing their faith and seeing this as a safe place to invite their friends to explore Jesus.

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## Providing spaces for growth & flourishing

We are so blessed to have our amazing buildings. In 2024, we worked hard to fix toilets, replace a leaky roof, improve spaces for group use, and install great new LED lights in the church and so much more.

This has enabled our ministries to grow and flourish, providing safe, clean and well looked after spaces for groups, events, services and courses to run.

A highlight for our Operations team has been working with incredible volunteers on a range of projects - from passing our food hygiene inspection with flying colours, to jet washing the front forecourt and maintaining the flower beds.

We loved welcoming over 250 families to our Baby & Toddler mornings, seeing 2113 people at our Christmas services, and hosting a number of conferences, weddings and events at St. Saviour's in 2024. We can't wait to see how God uses us and the spaces he's given us in 2025 and beyond!

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### A 'Living Christian Community'

The Trekkers Mural

We have heard so many stories this year of how God has been working through the Trekkers community - ones of hope, light and belonging. One family says "Trekking has been a huge help for me and my family to be able to connect with others especially those who understand the struggles and challenges. They have provided us with the ability to be able to come to church on Sundays. This has been so valuable to our journey of faith. Without trekking our family wouldn't be able to be as connected and supported. We are so thankful for all the support, care and love each and every one of the trekking bunch provide. Thank you so much."

Another family says "Groundbreakers demonstrates to my son that he is loved and accepted. The group provides him with access to a living Christian community which is appropriate and accessible to him. Within this community he learns, he serves, he is served, he is blessed, he is encouraged, he is valued - in short he is being disciplined and nurtured. A huge thank you to everyone involved for all the time and emotional and physical energy they invest in Groundbreakers on Sundays - and at the annual summer festival which is always such a joyous time."

**323** ADULTS EACH SUNDAY

**110** IN KIDS, YOUTH & TREKKERS GROUPS

**230** MEETING WEEKLY IN PODS



**31** FAMILIES LOVED  
AND SUPPORTED AT  
TREKKERS FESTIVAL

**20** TREKKERS PARENTS  
ENGAGING IN WEEKLY  
BIBLE STUDY AND  
COMMUNITY



**93** PEOPLE FILLED  
IN A WELCOME  
CARD IN THE  
LAST 6 MONTHS

**170** KIDS AT OUR EASTER & CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOONS

**110** STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS REGULARLY  
ENGAGING WITH ST. SAVIOUR'S

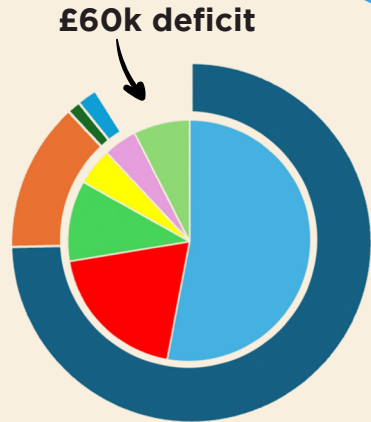
**70** STUDENTS CONNECTED WITH AT GUILDFORD  
SCHOOL OF ACTING EACH FORTNIGHT

**300** LOCAL PEOPLE TO OUR 125 COMMUNITY FUN DAY

# Our Church Finances

## 2025

Projected General Fund Income	
Donations	£500,000
Gift Aid	£90,000
Room Hire	£8,000
Activity Income & Interest	£12,000
Gap	£60,000
	<b>£610,000</b>
Projected General Fund Expenditure	
Staffing	£355,000
Parish Share	£130,000
Buildings	£72,000
Administration	£33,000
Mission Partnerships	£30,000
Other Ministry Costs	£50,000
	<b>£670,000</b>



Inner Ring: Projected Expenditure  
Outer Ring: Projected Income

### What is the Parish Share?

Through the Parish Share, the church pays for the cost of our Rector, emerging leaders training around the Diocese, Church Schools, and support of mission and ministry across Surrey, including in deprived areas. The cost is calculated by church attendance.

**Please join the 210 households who give each month to support St Saviour's vision for Guildford!**



210 Household Givers



Average donation £200pcm

To give to the work of St. Saviour's, please visit:

[st-saviours.org.uk/give](https://st-saviours.org.uk/give)

# *a final message from Graham...*

As you've seen on the previous page, we are not financially in a position to fully embrace the opportunities presented in this vision. We are asking you to consider how you can play your part in financially partnering with us. This is for all of us, but particularly for those who have not reviewed their giving lately, or if you have recently joined our community and have not yet made any financial commitments to St. Saviour's.

Giving sacrificially is good for our own hearts, it pays for everything we enjoy at St Saviour's, and it enables us to invest for the future into who God is calling us to be. Please scan the QR code below to find out more about how you can give.

I hope you have found this informative, inspiring and appropriately challenging! Thank you for playing your part as members of our wonderful community, and I look forward to continuing this journey together.

With love,

Graham

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