



# Stroat Church

*bringing hope, living in grace*

## Stroat Church Annual Finance Report 2016/17

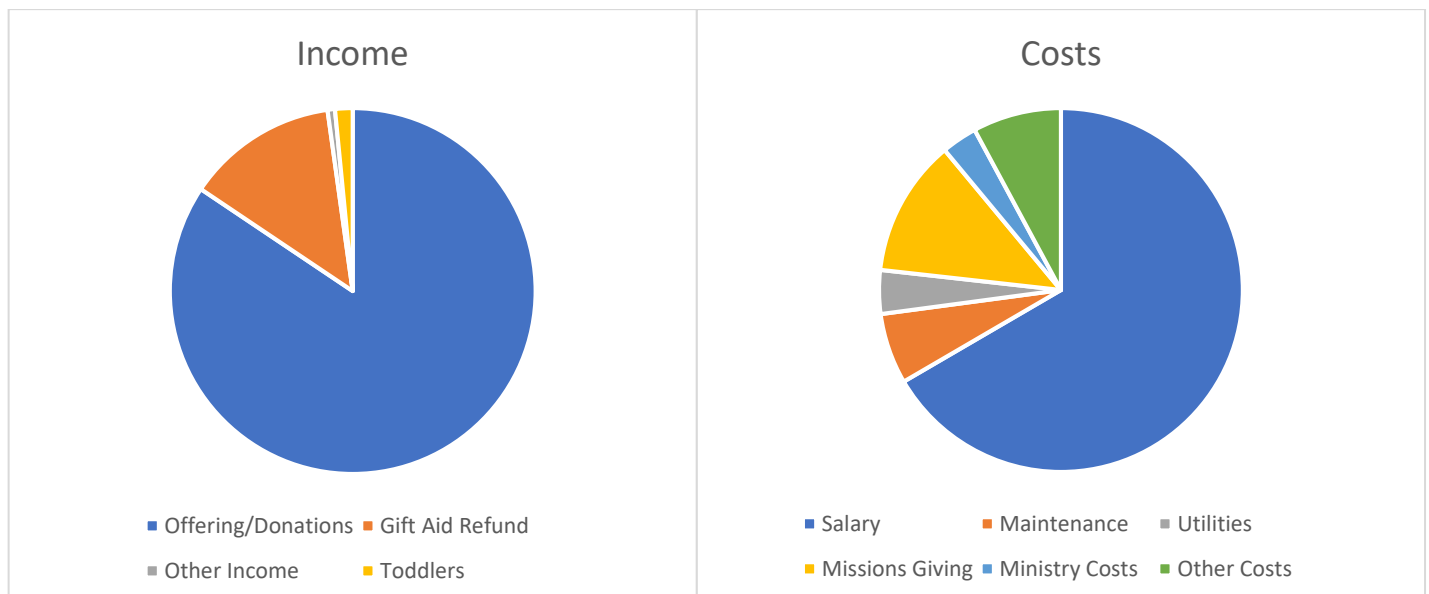
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This has been the first full year of the new registered charity; a lot has happened in this first year, we have lost both Peter Jordan and Ralph Symons as trustees who have both stood down, we thank them both for their service to the Church, and also in helping us transfer from the previous trust to the new CIO. In September, we were able to present after a lot of work a new contract and job description to Pastor Chris, and we also offered him a long-awaited sabbatical for the start of 2017. Unfortunately, this was shortly followed by his letter of resignation, as he had accepted a new Pastorate at Westminster Community Church, and would be moving there in Spring 2017. The trustees still felt it was correct that we upheld the offer of a sabbatical, to help with the relocation from Lydney back to Stoneleigh, so whilst he finished his formal work here at Stroat in March 2017, his employment contract did not end until the end of April 2017. We thank Chris for all the work that both he, Ho Soon, Daniel and Johnathan have contributed to the work here at Stroat, and we wish him well for his future pastorate in Westminster.

We have also employed the services of James Townsend who has moved into the upstairs rooms of the manse as a caretaker, he has been ploughing through an endless list of minor repairs and maintenance issues, as well as converting the upstairs into a self-contained flat. The trustees are now planning on spending some capital on upgrading the manse with a new kitchen and bathroom, as well as decorating throughout and new flooring where necessary. There have been two very useful workdays in the last year which has seen some much-needed decoration to the main hall, and other cyclical works carried out.

Since Pastor Chris has left, the Core team have taken over day to day running of Church life, with the leadership team meeting monthly to plan events and our future, chaired by Bernie Dumbleton.

Income for the Church this year was £23433.88, whilst our outgoings were £22178.88, God is always amazing in that he always gives us just what we need. Major costs for us this year have been the increased amounts of maintenance, with James carrying out lots of repairs and the conversion of the flat. There will be for the next while large bills for materials, and new fixture and fittings for the manse, but this will be off-set as we will not have to pay a salary at this time.



## INCOME

	2016/17	2016
Offering / Donations	19722	8695
Gift Aid Refund	3187	3792
Toddlers	370	252
Other Income	155	1026
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23434</b>	<b>13765</b>

## EXPENSES

	2016/17	2016
<b>Ministry Costs</b>		
Children & Youth	265	303
Discipleship	185	100
Pastoral	120	
Worship		641
Outreach	93	
Facilities	73	106
Technical	54	
Finance	49	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>1150</b>
<b>Missionary Giving</b>		
Gilead	620	600
Papy Daniel	620	
CWI	620	350
Whettams	620	700
Other		560
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2612</b>	<b>2210</b>
<b>Other Costs</b>		
Maintenance	1346	90
Insurance		1057
Salary	14265	10030
Cleaning	600	390
Utilities	832	1144
Legal Fees	794	
Other Costs	891	908
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18728</b>	<b>13619</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>22179</b>	<b>16979</b>

- 2016 figures are for Jan-Dec 2015 from the Stroat Evangelical Church Trust, figures for Jan 2016 to April 2016 have not been not included in these accounts as they will be submitted from the Stroat Evangelical Trust 2016.