

A photograph of a church service featuring children and an Easter Bunny. The scene is set in a church with a stained-glass window in the background. A man in a black shirt is standing with his arms raised, and several children are also raising their hands. A large white Easter Bunny is visible on the right side of the frame. The text 'Towards a flourishing parish church' is written in a white, curved font across the center of the image. Below it, the logo 'st m w' is displayed in a bold, white, sans-serif font, followed by the text 'Vision 2025' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

Towards a flourishing parish church

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Vision 2025

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# St Mary's Wavertree - A Flourishing Parish Church for the Next Generation

Thank You for being part of our Church.  
As most of you know, we are in a three year period of significant change, to revitalise our church and make it strong, healthy and viable for generations to come.

During this period, our focus is on mission and growth; reaching out to our community and the networks around us and fulfilling the diocesan objective of more people knowing Jesus. Our key verse this year reminds us also of the importance of children and young people in fulfilling that vision.



***Loving God; may you build a flourishing parish church for the next generation – Amen.***

This booklet is a summary of God's work amongst us this year and the opportunities in the year ahead. Please read it, pray over it, and decide how you can best play your part.

Much love,  
Jude and the team

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jude Paul Hindle".

# Over to You

[stmw.org.uk/pray](http://stmw.org.uk/pray)

## **PRAY**

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do. We meet on Thursdays at 12:30pm to focus on prayer together. Please pray!

[stmw.org.uk/alpha](http://stmw.org.uk/alpha)

## **ALPHA**

Alpha is our primary tool to help people decide to follow Jesus for themselves. Please commit to inviting your friends and consider helping on at least one Alpha course a year.

[stmw.org.uk/serve](http://stmw.org.uk/serve)

## **SERVE**

Everyone in church is invited to find a way of serving others, with a particular focus on helping those newer to the Christian faith to grow. Find a ministry and a way of serving that suits your gifts and abilities.

[stmw.org.uk/groups](http://stmw.org.uk/groups)

## **BELONG**

Connect Groups are the primary means by which we develop friendships and invest in each other's lives. If you're not in a Connect Group we'd love you to consider joining one. Please commit to investing in your church friendships in and outside of Sunday church

[stmw.org.uk/give](http://stmw.org.uk/give)

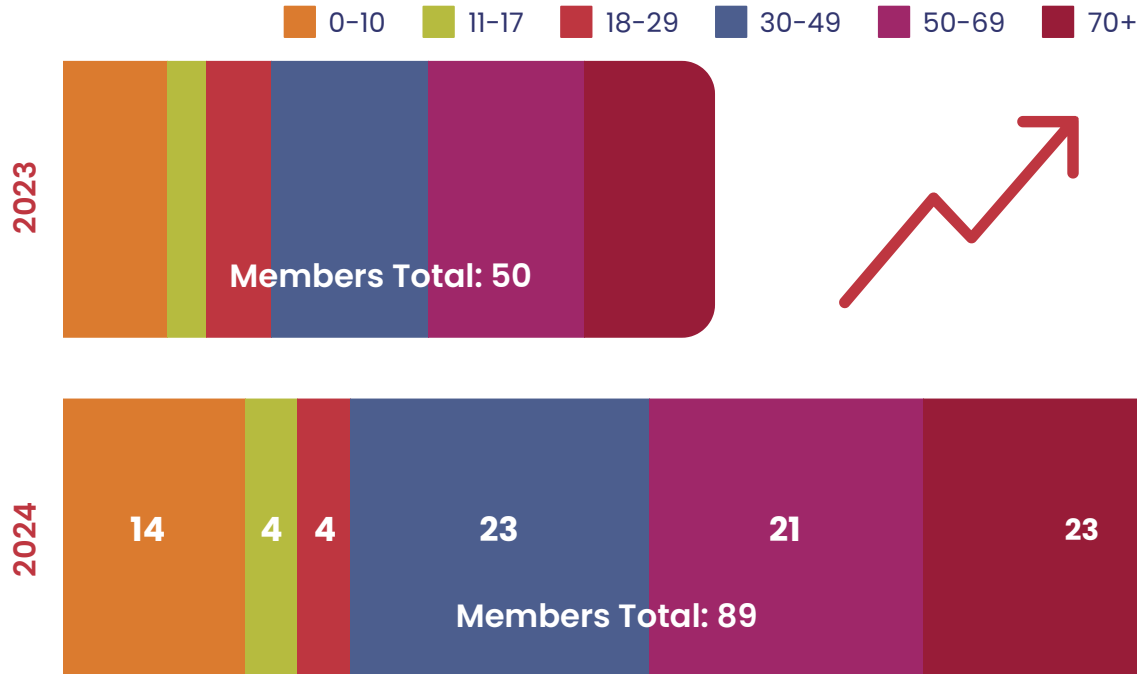
## **GIVE**

Everyone of us needs to review our giving. We encourage people to aspire towards tithing: working our way closer to giving at least 10% of our income to Church as our means allow. If that happened, then the wider Church would be resourced for Revival. It's a journey that most of us are on, but let's engage well with our Vision resources in the Spring and ask God to help us take the next step.

# Discipleship

We, the people, make up our church.

We meet weekly on Sundays and in Connect Groups.  
We also gather for church holidays, social events and training.



Average Sunday Attendance

**45**

37.5% growth

Connect Group Members

**28**

Equip Attendees

**52**

Save the date for 2025  
**1st March**

We really value everyone involved in our teams and we would love you to get involved.  
We have:



We're praying for: **18 more**



**10 more**



**6 more**

New teams we're praying for in 2025



To be part of the Church is to be part of a missionary movement.

We are all called to help others come to faith and become disciples of Jesus. We understand mission to involve telling and teaching others about Jesus as well as tending to their needs through service, transforming unjust structures and treasuring the creation around us. Numbers don't tell the real story, but here's a summary of the people we've engaged with in 2024:

# Mission



We're also about to launch our new website: [stmw.org.uk](http://stmw.org.uk)

# Finance

The Church is predominantly a self-funded organisation. Your regular financial giving is the baseline against which all our ministry is planned and conducted.

Our Vicars and Curate salaries are paid for by the Diocese. We pay the Diocese an annual fee (parish share) as a contribution to Diocesan costs, and we pay for 50% curate housing costs. We receive grant funding from several sources, including the LNG Project which stops in Summer 2025.

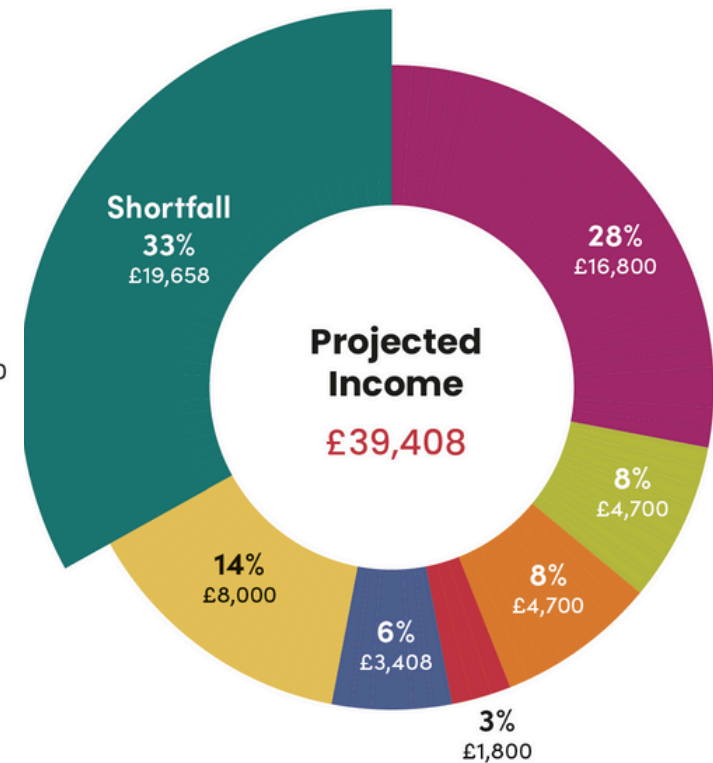
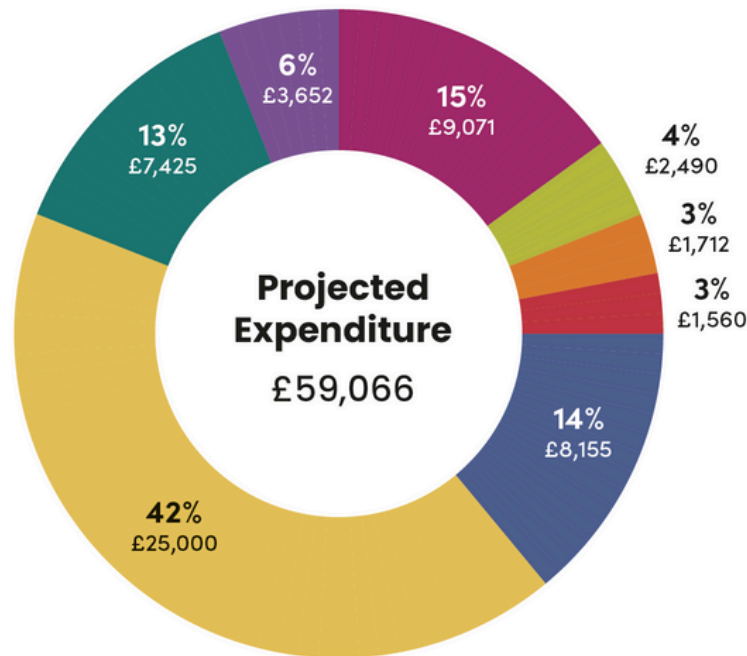
**28 Givers**

**Average monthly gift: £50**

To continue ministry we need to **increase our baseline giving by £19,658**

**Our preferred, most consistent way for you to give is through standing order. You can do this using the *Parish Giving Scheme* - go to [stmw.org.uk](http://stmw.org.uk).**

**Tick the box on the pledge form if you would like us to help you set this up.**



- StM Kids & Families\*
- Sundays
- Alpha & Hospitality
- Missional Giving

\*Includes the launch and running of our parent and toddler group

- Central Operations
- Support for other churches & the diocese
- Buildings
- Clergy & Training Leaders

- Standing orders (Bank)
- Gift Aid Claim
- Income from Rentals
- External Grants

- Loose Plate & Envelopes
- Church Planting Gift
- Opportunity to give

We share in our diocesan vision of asking God for a bigger Church to make a bigger difference: more people knowing Jesus, more justice in the world.

We are bringing new life and energy to our Sunday services and encouraging everyone in church to participate regularly in Alpha and to join a midweek Connect Group. As well as that, we know that churches only have a future if we are engaging well with the next generation. Our key verse this year is from Matthew and shows Jesus making a priority and an example of young people.

# Planning

## To-Do in 2025:

- Strengthen financial giving
- Launch parent and toddler group and Sunday Creche
- Start Sunday youth provision
- Start two new Connect groups
- Continue running three Alpha courses
- Update notice board and improve lighting inside and outside church for increased visibility
- Relaunch Lilyfield into a missional community
- Continue to reach out to our local community



We're committed to increasing our parish share by £5,000 to total £25,000 this year (and £30,000 next year). That's the financially viable place we need to be to secure ongoing clergy provision for the Church.

It's a big challenge, but we want to increase our Annual Giving by at least £19,000 this year. To achieve this we'll be thinking about how we steward our money and helping every person understand where our money comes from and how it is spent in Church.

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