



OUR JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

Thank you for your support for Newington Trinity Church.

By setting out what we already do together and what we might do in the future we hope this leaflet encourages you to share the joy of Christ with others. Your generosity, service and faith – your stewardship - is the bedrock on which we do so.

Stewardship aims to support the people, activities and moments that make up our life as a church. Money is an important, indeed essential, component. If we cannot fund what we need to do, we cannot survive as a congregation. However, while there is a focus on funding this stewardship season, this leaflet is about more than money. It invites you to think about how you can help in a variety of ways.

Our theme for this season is joy: the deep joy that comes from knowing we are loved by God and called to share in God's work. When we give our time, skills or money, we do so in response to that love.

In these pages, you will see how your support helps our ministry and mission: touching lives, building relationships and strengthening our community as we follow Christ together.

With every blessing

The Kirk Session



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WHAT WE ALREADY DO

Your gifts of money, time and talent support our church and help others.

All money given to Newington Trinity Church supports our ministry and mission, both locally and more widely. Our spending can be grouped into two main areas: **Worship and Prayer** and **Nurturing Communities**.

The diagram opposite shows in broad outline where our money in 2025 went on activities, supported by the work of our volunteers and staff.

Worship and Prayer: Worship is at the centre of our faith. Through music, scripture, prayer and preaching, we grow closer to God and to one another. We are strengthened to share the love of Christ in the world.

Sunday services are at the heart of our worship. Our worship leaders, along with organ and piano musicians and choir lead us in praise and we hear readings and teaching on the Bible, within our beautiful sanctuaries, regularly at Mayfield and occasionally at Priestfield.

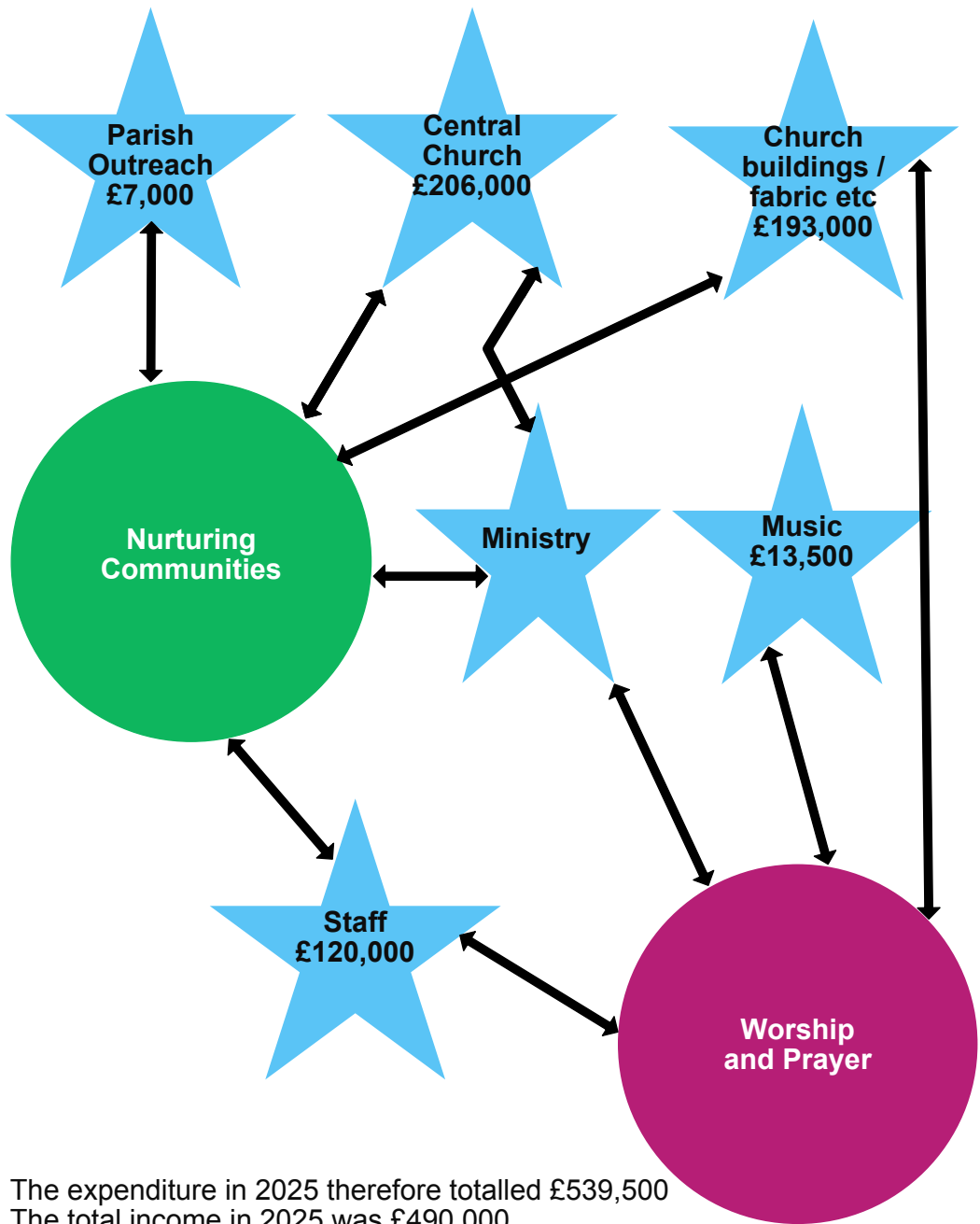
During the early service our young people meet for Young Church to learn about Christ through stories, crafts and activities. Each service is followed by a time to gather for fellowship over tea and coffee and biscuits.

Your giving helps support our ministry. Our Parish Deacon and Child and Young Adult Worker are paid for directly by the congregation as are our Organist and other staff. This makes it possible for us to offer regular and varied worship and prayer.

Alongside Sunday morning services, we offer Sunday evening communion, weekday afternoon services in the Bill McDonald Hall, prayer and praise at Priestfield, and Messy Church. House Groups meet to discuss matters of faith, scripture and share ideas. We also welcome other Christian communities to worship in our buildings. Special services during the year include Holy Week, Remembrance and Christingle, as well as those at Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Children from the local primary school visit from time to time.

Nurturing Communities: The people who make up our congregation, our parish and our wider community are central to all we do. It is our mission to serve them as best we can. In our new united congregation we are doing this in a variety of ways. Our summary annual report on our website (www.newingtontrinity.org) sets out what we do already in so many ways.

All figures relate to 2025 spending, and are approximate.
Full accounts are available on request.



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The total income in 2025 was £490,000
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Our Child and Young Adult Worker has regular slots in the local primary school to provide support to staff and pupils, and a team of volunteer gardeners has contributed to the green area at the centre of the campus. We are blessed with many spaces which we rent out at moderate cost (and in some cases for nothing) to those wanting to use them. This allows the uniformed youth organisations, music groups, exercise classes and much more to take place in an affordable and comfortable way.

Our volunteers also work in the wider community. For example, we have two teams who work on the Bethany Christian Trust Care van, working with the homeless. We have some who volunteer during the night time as Street Pastors, caring for the vulnerable and providing comfort to those in need, and others who volunteer at Newington Foodbank every week.

Our Financial Situation

A large chunk of our expenditure just has to be paid. We are required to meet our bills such as insurance and for power; and to maintain and indeed improve the fabric of our buildings. This is so they are safe and comfortable for the congregation and people in the community to use, and to allow us to deliver our mission to those in the congregation and beyond, whether young or old.



Like all Church of Scotland congregations, we contribute to the central church by a levy (Giving to Grow) which is used to support ministry teams, those congregations struggling to meet their obligations and our wider mission. As part of the Church of Scotland we also have a commitment to serve those in the parish, whether members of our congregation or not.

The fabric costs in 2025 were high both as a result of the union at the start of 2025 and as a result of the vacancies. The vacancies provided the opportunity to undertake building repairs and improvements ready for the future. Some of these expenses will continue in 2026 and beyond. A particular cost is the work on replacing the heating system in the sanctuary at Mayfield.

This will provide a space that is warm and welcoming for worship and community use long into the future using modern heating technology that supports our commitment to the environment. The previous system was put in well over a century ago and it is time for us to renew it for future generations.

The heating project will, in the main, be covered by our reserves, helped by the sale of the former Craigmillar Park church building and manse. However, under charity law - and like all congregations Newington Trinity is a charity - we are required to maintain a certain level of reserves. So we cannot keep drawing on these reserves over the years. Looking at 2025, in broad terms our expenditure was £539,500, whereas our income was £490,000. That left a shortfall of £49,500: nearly £1,000 a week.

The deficit is likely to be similar for the next few years. We are always looking to save on expenditure, and our volunteers, working with the staff, help with this to a great degree. However, if we are to meet rising costs and move forward as a congregation in this parish we need to review and increase our income.



WHAT WE WISH TO DO

Our union has brought fresh energy, new friendships and new opportunities to share the Gospel. Our growing ministry team is vital to this work. We are also blessed with buildings where we can worship, meet and welcome others.

Our church community is strong because people give in many different ways. Each gift of time, skill or money matters. Together, we follow Christ and support the church for those who come after us.

We are looking forward with excitement to the arrival of our parish minister the Rev Dr MaryAnn Rennie and to the prospect of a Pioneer Minister in the near future. A group has been laying the foundations for his or her arrival, getting ready to provide support. This will include looking at opportunities to do more in the community above and beyond our traditional activities as set out above.

We also need to maintain what we have and we also wish to improve our resources where possible providing more opportunities for engagement with the congregation, the wider community and to support our mission.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

This stewardship season has a focus on giving generously. Financial giving is not the only kind of giving: opportunities to offer your skills and volunteering are also important.

This season we would like everyone to think about what you can give to help our church remain stable and sustainable. The various ways of doing so are set out below. We ask each of us to think prayerfully and hopefully about our giving, trusting that in giving we also receive the joy of the Lord.

WAYS TO GIVE

Thank you for every gift of money, time and talent given to Newington Trinity Church. Below are some ways to give. If you have questions, please speak to an elder or contact the Treasurer, Charles Garland, at treasurer@newingtontrinity.org

• Gift Aid

If you give by standing order or online and are a UK taxpayer, **Gift Aid can increase your donation by 25%** at no extra cost to you. A Gift Aid form is enclosed and is available on request from the Gift Aid Convener, Sean McKenna at offerings@newingtontrinity.org

• Standing Order

A standing order is the simplest and most cost-effective way to give money to our Church. A standing order form is enclosed can be provided on request from the Freewill Offering Convener, Sean McKenna at offerings@newingtontrinity.org If you already contribute this way, we invite you to review your giving.

• Online Giving

You can give online using the donations button on our website at: www.newingtontrinity.org

• Sunday Worship

The open plate will continue to be available during Sunday worship.

• Volunteering

There are opportunities for everyone to support the work of our church. Look out for opportunities in the weekly email and in our Parish Magazine. If you have time to spare or a particular skill you think would be helpful, please see one of our clerks.

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If you are considering a legacy to the church in your will please ask for a leaflet from the Treasurer, Freewill Offering Convener with details as above.



*However you support Newington Trinity Church
Thank you and God Bless*



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