

## HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Parishioner

It is with pleasure that I present to you the financial accounts of the Church for the year ending 31 December 2023, which has proven to be a year of growth in the monetary aspect of our church.

As normal I comment firstly on the Freewill Offering, our main source of income at £46,666.43, an increase of £8,160.88 on the previous year, in percentage terms 21.02%. Loose collections totalled £1138.18, an increase of £555.03 on the 2022 total.

The Annual Harvest Appeal of the Building and Repair Fund achieved the sum of £2,289.35, a modest increase of £53.35. The only other income on this account was a dividend from the investments held by the Church of Ireland Trustees at £405.87. The main expenditure from this account during the year was a five year test and inspection of the church electrical system. This work cost £939.96 with a further £900.00 being used to provide external lights at the church.

The parish hall is now used more since reopening after the Covid-19 restrictions with the account closing with a balance in hand of £4395.90. The Sunday school account closed with a balance of £1603.04 and the Graveyard account closing with a balance of £6780.17.

Gift Aid Tax refunds at £2115.30 was an increase of 13.7% on the previous year. Can I again appeal to any contributor not already in the scheme and paying sufficient income tax to sign the appropriate declaration form and thereby increase their contribution by 25%.

Bank interest at £1459.91 was a remarkable increase of 700% on 2022 when £182.41 was received. Finally, may I conclude by thanking all who contributed financially to the church during 2023 and wish all involved in the day to day affairs of our church a successful 2024.

Yours sincerely  
Roland Hill  
Hon. Treasurer