

# Thank You

Your generosity and energy, are vital to keep our church running by way of collections, donations and enthusiastic fundraising. This has covered our costs for the past 3 years.



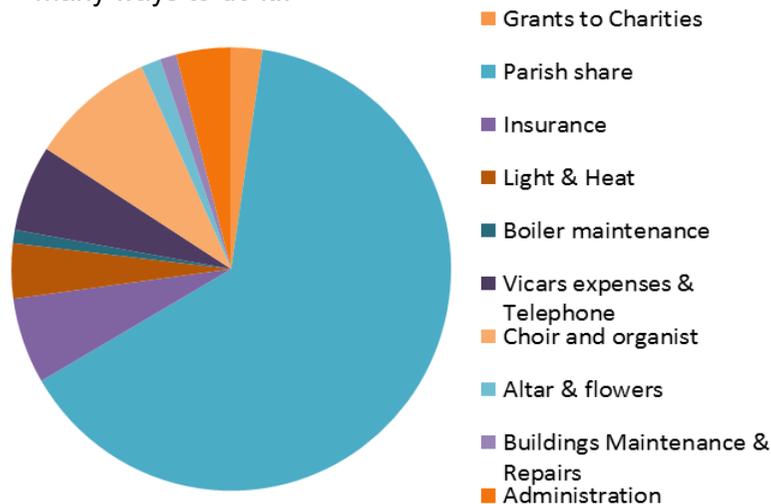
Winter visitors in the churchyard last year

**We are  
Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith.**

Despite our enthusiastic fundraising efforts and the very generous work of our volunteers, we have a deficit of £2,000 for last year. For the current year, our parish share has increased by £1,000 and we will need to work harder to claw back last year's deficit and break even this year.

Many people think that the Church of England is well funded and that it provides financial support to the parishes. In fact, all of our bills must be paid directly by our own contributions. The chart below shows how our contributions are spent.

It takes about £8.75 per person every week of the year to cover the costs of running our church, based on the 95 people on our electoral roll. All that each one of us can give is important, and there are many ways to do it..



Please pray about your giving and consider the following:

- If you do not already subscribe to one of the regular giving schemes (standing order or weekly envelope scheme) would you be willing to do so? Not only does this help us to plan ahead, but ensures you do not have to worry about not contributing on the weeks you are unable to make it to church.
- Have you increased your donation in the last year or so, reflecting any salary increases, or is it still the same as it was many years ago?
- Do you use the yellow envelopes allowing the church to reclaim gift aid?
- Could you forgo one trip to Costa or one bottle of wine a week and donate the amount to church instead?
- Do you shop on the internet but not through Easyfundraising? With only 16 supporters, we have raised £560 for the church so far by using this simple shopping tool. More supporters would raise lots more money without much effort.

Ask Pat Rushmere for the bank details to set up a standing order or a supply of weekly envelopes.

Easyfundraising is simple to set up and easy to use, Caroline Gulliver can help. She is also happy to answer questions about the church finances.