



**St Joseph's Bishop Thornton
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Finance Committee held on Tuesday 20 February 2018
Summary Minutes**

The newly formed Bishop Thornton Finance Committee met on Tuesday 20 February 2018. All expressions of interest for membership of the Committee were accepted. The members are:

Ian Burrell (Chair)
Mark Ashworth
Mark Grafton
Patrick Henry
Martin Holden
Helen Jordan

At this first meeting Kevin Anderson and Anna Larkin from the Diocese of Leeds Curia were also in attendance.

The Finance Committee is a consultative Committee aimed at working to ensure the Parish of St Joseph's Bishop Thornton is financially sustainable. The key topics discussed were Health and Safety, Finance and Property.

Health and Safety

The Parish is working with the Curia to ensure that all statutory testing is completed. Thanks were expressed to Tony Lambert for his involvement in this important work.

Finance

It was noted that the monthly income from offertories is averaging at £1.3K (made up of 14 standing orders, 10 regular envelopes and loose plate donations). The Parish benefits from social income from the coffee mornings and other social events. It was suggested that parishioners who are able to Gift Aid their donations and are not currently using Standing Orders are encouraged to do so as this is beneficial to the Parish and reduces administration.

The Parish at present is running at a surplus of about £400 per month. It was however noted that the Parish has not incurred costs of any routine repairs and maintenance in recent months. Due to its low income the Parish does not currently contribute towards the overall running costs of the Diocese via the assessment levy, and in recent years the Parish has received contributions from both the Our Lady of Ransom Fund and the Diocesan Poor Mission Fund. At December 2017 bank account balances of the Parish were £22K.

Property

The Finance Committee discussed the following:

- The potential sale of two plots of land.
- The future use of the presbytery.
- Potential options in respect of Parish land holdings.
- Potential options in respect of the school site.

Further information will be communicated when those matters are certain.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 April 2018, 7pm, Former St Joseph's Primary School