

# The Parish of Colindale



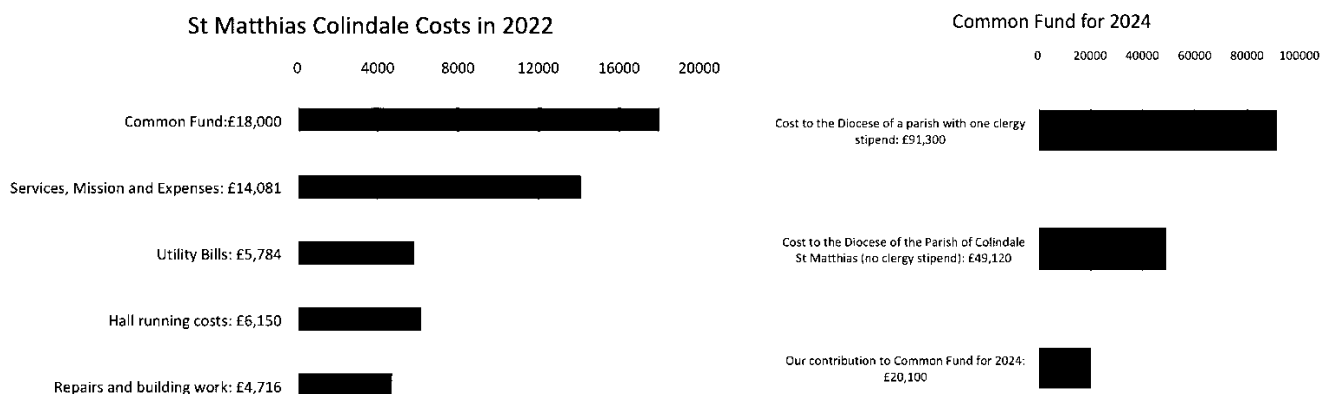
## St Matthias Colindale Giving Appeal for 2024

*What can you give to help the worship, mission and ministry of this Church?*

### How much does a Parish Church like this cost?

- Last year our basic costs were £44,015 or **£846 per week** (not including repairs and work on the building).
- The donations we received from the congregation amounted to £10,998 or **£221 per week** (including reclaimed gift aid). This is generous giving for a congregation such as ours, but still only covers about a quarter of our costs. The rest of our income is derived from hall rentals, mostly from the Romanian Orthodox Church, and this will be less than in the past as it is now a fixed rent.
- Our costs in 2024 are going to be substantially higher, as our **gas bill has gone up by 300%**, and our **electricity cost will double**.
- At the same time, the donation we are able to make to the Diocesan Common Fund, which pays for stipends, housing, training and Diocesan support, is **less than half of the cost to the Diocese** of maintaining a parish church here – even though the priest in this parish is non-stipendiary. This means that we are effectively being subsidised by wealthier churches and central Diocesan funds.

These charts show our total costs in 2022, and the Diocesan Common Fund for 2024:



### *Our Treasurer writes:*

“The money that you give regularly each week or month has dropped by 20%, and donations put in the collection tray are down by 38%. We now receive an average of £172 per week. We are still surviving on the rent from the Romanian church, but this is now a fixed rent and is less than it used to be. There are many improvements to the church building that we will need to pay for.

“We are very grateful for your continued support at a time when everyone's incomes are stretched, but the church finances are stretched too, and we would ask you to please consider if you could increase your giving, even by just a small amount, and **especially if you could pay by standing order** through the bank, as this does not incur bank charges. *Our charges are particularly high when paying in cash or cheques.*”

The Church of England recommends that committed church members give 5% of their disposable income to their church, and 5% to other charities. In the light of this we are asking all members of St Matthias to consider what they are able to commit to giving in 2024. If you feel you are able to increase your regular giving, or to make a new pledge, please complete the form overleaf and return it in the collection plate during Advent. Thank you!

Please use this form if you are able to pledge a regular donation during 2024, and return the form to:

The Treasurer, St Matthias' Church, Rushgrove Avenue, Colindale NW9 6QY or by email to [stmatthias.hall@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthias.hall@gmail.com)

**Personal Details:** Please print clearly

This information will be used by the PCC for the purpose of recording and administering donations

Title: .....

First Name ..... Surname .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Phone (H)..... Mobile .....

Email .....

**My Pledge for 2024**

- ☐ I would like to set up a new Standing Order for £ ..... per month from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.
- ☐ I would like to change my existing Standing Order to £ ..... per month from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.
- ☐ I am currently giving via the envelope scheme but wish to change this to a Standing Order as above

Please set up your standing order using the following account details:

Account Name: **St Matthias PCC**; Sort Code: **40-03-26**; Account Number: **81460676**.

If you do not have online banking please ask the Treasurer for an instruction form to send to your bank.

- ☐ I wish to pledge a regular donation by another method (please give details):

**Standing Order Details**

If you give by standing order please let us know your account details so that we can identify your donation in our bank statement:

Account Name.....

Sort Code ..... Account Number.....

**Gift Aid Declaration**

I want St Matthias' Church, Colindale to treat all donations that I have made since 6 April 2006 and all the donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

Signed ..... Date.....

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**OR** ☐ I am not a UK tax payer and cannot sign the Gift Aid declaration

1. As your Gift Aid declaration covers donations that you will make in the future, please notify the PCC Treasurer, c/o The Vicarage, 48 Rushgrove Avenue, Colindale, NW9 6QY, if you change your name or address while the declaration is still in force.
2. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying us. It will then not apply to donations you make on or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.
3. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that we reclaim on your donations in the tax year (currently 25p for every £1 you give).
4. If in the future, your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that we reclaim, you can cancel your declaration as described on note 2 or notify the PCC Treasurer, St Matthias Colindale.
5. If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief in your Self-Assessment tax return.
6. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, please contact the PCC Treasurer.
7. If you would like an annual statement of your giving, please tick here. ☐
8. Details on this form will be treated as confidential to the PCC Treasurer and Gift Aid Recorder.