

What do I do now?

Please complete the Pledge Form provided!

If you have made a pledge before we would be very grateful if you could do so again (even if you are not altering your pledge) as this will help us to know that our information is up to date.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

The only person who will see your form is our Chaplaincy Stewardship Administrator, Carole Bentley. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

IF YOU PAY TAX IN THE UK

Please remember that you can Gift Aid both regular giving and occasional donations, so increasing the benefit to the Chaplaincy.

IF YOU PAY TAX IN SPAIN

You can claim a tax rebate from the Hacienda. Some people who do this are increasing their giving to reflect the rebate they will receive.

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER

is possible from both UK and Spanish bank accounts. This is a very responsible way of making your commitment to regular giving a reality.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

are available for regular giving of cash or cheque donations.

DETAILS OF ALL THESE OPTIONS AND OF HOW TO CONTACT CAROLE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR ADVICE CAN BE FOUND ON THE PLEDGE FORM



Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy *Reviewing the Situation*

In 2013, in a leaflet entitled “Securing the Future” we asked all involved with the life and witness of the Chaplaincy to think seriously about the challenge of ensuring that this witness is sustained and maintained not only for the present but also for the years to come.

We thank God for the faith, generosity and commitment with which Chaplaincy members responded with the pledges made then and in so many ways in the intervening years.

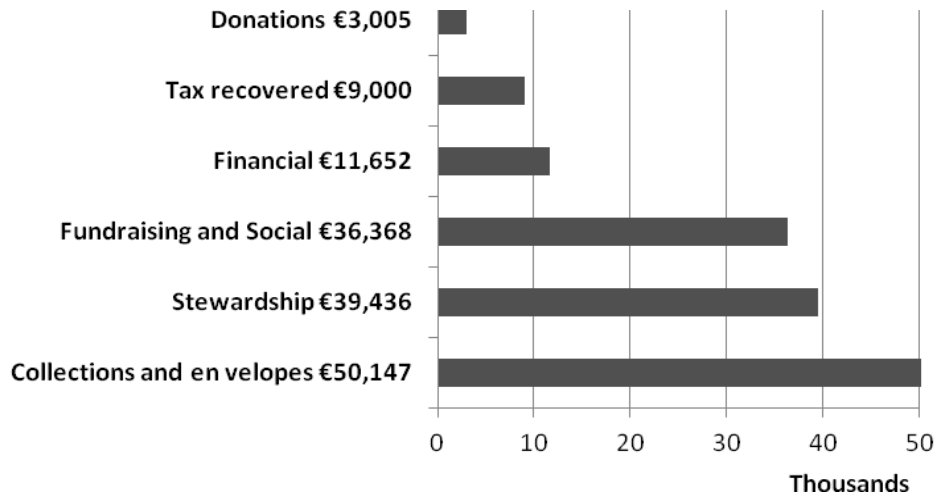
On Advent Sunday we begin a new year in our life of worship and prayer. It is a good time to invite you to review and renew your pledge - or to think about making a pledge if you have not previously done so.

Talking about money is often unpopular, but it’s inevitable that we have to from time to time. We can all ask ourselves “How best can I respond with generosity to the generous love poured out for me by God in Christ Jesus.” That means thinking about how we use our time and our talents, and, yes, our money too.

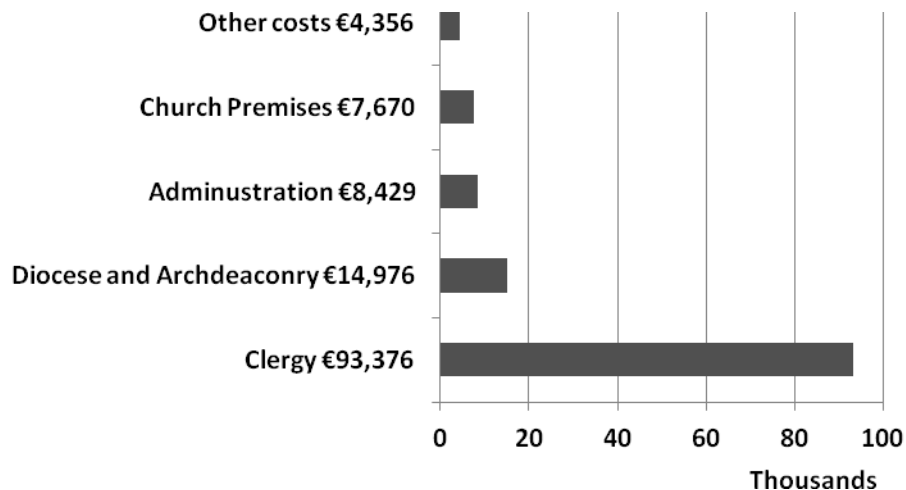
We are all privileged to have a share in and responsibility for the ministry entrusted to the Chaplaincy. Please consider, thoughtfully and prayerfully, your response to the challenges and opportunities this sets before us.

THE LAST FULL YEAR FOR WHICH FIGURES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IS 2016.

THIS IS WHERE OUR MONEY CAME FROM



AND THIS IS HOW WE HAD TO SPEND IT



People are often surprised to learn that THE CHAPLAINCY IS THE BIGGEST IN EUROPE AND HAS TO BE TOTALLY SELF SUPPORTING

We get nothing from the Church of England or the Diocese in Europe and in fact contribute to the costs of the Church’s administration, as do parishes in the UK itself. We don’t get financial help from the Spanish or UK Governments or any other official bodies either.

OUR BIGGEST COST is in enabling the ministry of our Clergy. This includes stipends, pension and social security contributions as appropriate, and housing. Unlike the average UK parish the size of the Chaplaincy means that the cost of cars and travel (including for retired and visiting clergy who share in the ministry) is a significant factor.

OUR GREAT ADVANTAGE is that church premises costs are low compared with what would be needed to keep eight UK worship centres up and running.

IT’S NOT ALL ABOUT MONEY! You’ll see that fundraising and social events make a very important contribution to our finances, but they also go a long way to enriching the life of the Chaplaincy and building of relationships – so “thank you” to our intrepid organizers!

AND IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT PAYING THE BILLS

We believe that living life to the full includes the opportunity for regular worship, receiving the sacraments, pastoral care, study, and ministry at the key moments of life – in joy and in sorrow too. Our ministry is offered to any and all who turn to the Chaplaincy and members of the clergy team often travel long distances to, for example, meet bereaved families and conduct funerals.

BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS

This ministry doesn’t take a break. It has to go on whether we are in Church or not. This is why we ask you to give your support to the Chaplaincy’s work and witness by a pledge of regular, prayerfully considered giving. As things stand at present

€10 per person per week
is what we believe it would take to give us confidence for the future.