

Share your harvest with your church?

Without doubt 2020 has been an extraordinary year in our church. The Covid-19 pandemic has completely disrupted what we did – typically two or more worship services per week with fellowship afterwards, regular parochial events, and opening our lovely church to visitors.

Nevertheless, during lockdown we were able to broadcast one or more services per week from the church – available on YouTube for all to see/hear – and since July we have been open for worship in a limited capacity.

Expenses and Income

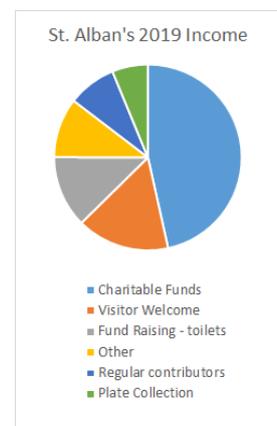
In 2019, the church building upkeep cost over 900.000 kr., and the ministry team was over 600.000 kr.

These expenses have not diminished just because the building is not used as before, and people's need for spiritual guidance and ministry is ever present, perhaps more so in these uncertain times.

But the reality is that with no regular plate collection nor visitor donations, our bank balance is diminishing rapidly. St. Alban's Church does not receive any income from the Anglican Church in the UK, or from the Danish government.

You can see from the pie chart that the biggest source of income is charitable funds, and the smallest sources of income are from our member's regular contributions and the plate collection.

In the past, our church leadership has put out ad-hoc requests for donations to cover shortfalls, but this more relaxed approach has not been able to sustain our required income.



Structured giving

A more structured approach is required, so this Autumn we are launching a "pledge drive". The idea is to bring some stability to church finances, and to show potential donors and funds that members of the church do care, and regularly contribute according to their ability.

An Apple a Day

A single apple costs about 2.5 kroner in Denmark. Pledging the value of an apple a day to St Alban's gives 913,- kr per year. But maybe your harvest – your monthly income – is able to sustain pledging more than an apple a day.

So a real question for you is: what is St. Alban's worth to me per day, per month, per year? An apple a day? Two beers a week? A Happy Meal® a month? Your annual cable TV bill? A family meal out?

We hope you will find your own way to express your support for St. Alban's when filling out the pledge form.

Thank you in anticipation of your generous giving. God bless you.

St Alban's Church Finance Committee