



Stewardship 2022

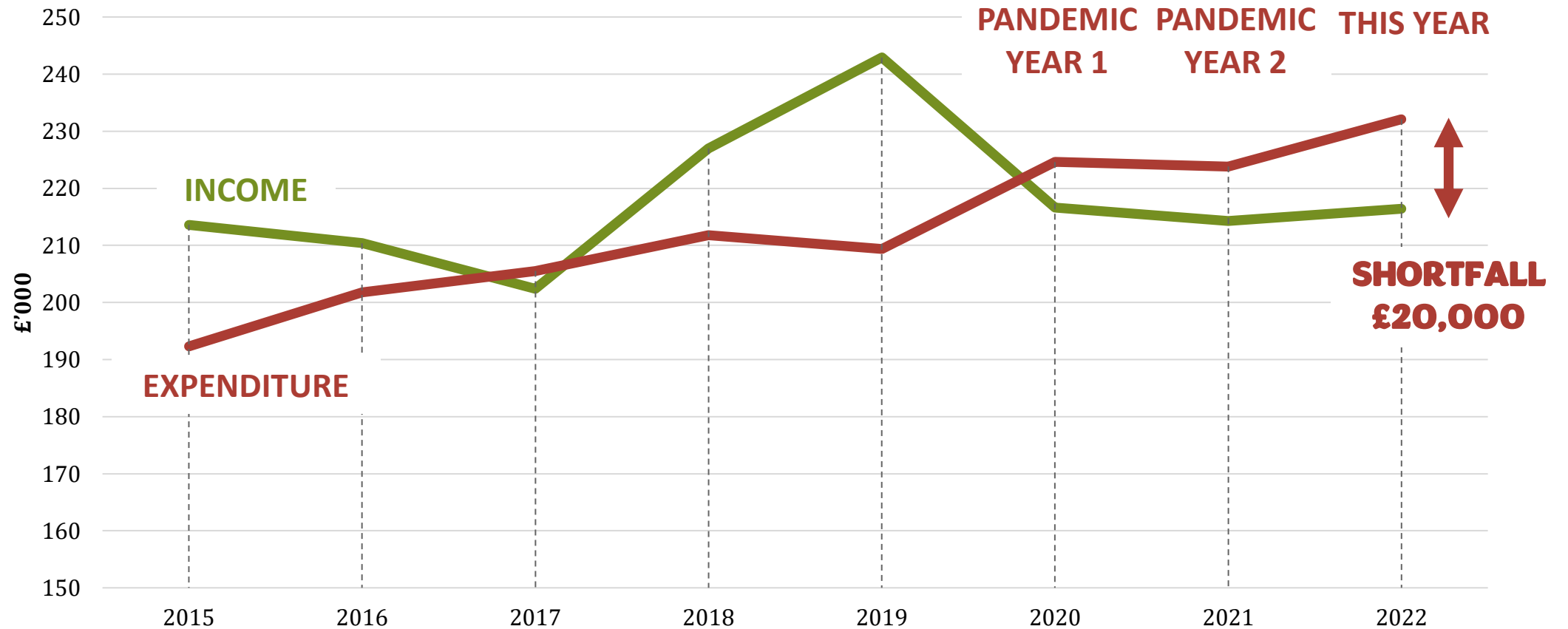
St Nicolas, Great Bookham
July 2022



Why am I here ?

- Our last Stewardship campaign was held in 2018
- Since then we have committed as a church to developing the future of St Nicolas by employing a Children and Families Minister and by supporting the Bookham Youth Project here in the village. We also continue to support external mission and humanitarian work
- But we have been hit by the global pandemic, and the fact that the number of regular givers is down 25% from 5 years ago. As a result, our income has fallen and our efforts at outreach made more difficult
- Despite a marvellous response to the one-off thank offering appeal in 2020, we have not recovered our pre-pandemic income and are budgeting for a budget shortfall this year which will continue into the future if nothing changes

Income vs Expenditure, adjusted for exceptional items





Church running costs – budget £236,000 in 2022

Even taking all the cost-cutting measures we can, it costs £4,500 per week to meet our commitments. Although half of this amount is taken up by the Parish Share we send to the Diocese, the majority of that comes back to us in provision of our incumbent ministry (salary, pension, NI, housing, clergy training and more)

We raise £800 per week from other sources so £3,700 per week needs to come from our giving, including Gift Aid. There is no financial support available from the Diocese or the Church Commissioners, and other income is still very depressed

Current giving works out at around £3,300 per week, leaving a shortfall of £400 per week, or around £325 per week if we allow for Gift Aid recovery

If this is spread just across the 180 or so parishioners (counting couples as two) who give regularly month in, month out, that works out, in round terms, at an extra

£2 a week, £8 a month or £100 a year each



So how can we spend money on Building for the Future?

The Building for the Future project is separate from our day-to-day costs and has been funded from a combination of

- Proceeds of the sale of the Scout Hut land years ago
- Legacies we have received
- Grants from the Friends of St Nicolas and other bodies
- Pledges and gifts from members of the congregation

It includes not just the internal reordering, but the essential replacement of our ancient heating system



So please :

- If you give regularly, please consider whether you could increase that gift, perhaps by the £100 per year (£8 per month, £2 per week), per person, that we need - or more
- If you worship here regularly but don't yet give regularly, by standing order or otherwise, please consider whether you could do so.

It's down to all of us to keep the mission of St Nicolas thriving



**THANK
YOU!**



St Nicolas - How to give

Regularly

Set up or amend a standing order with your bank in favour of St Nicolas Great Bookham PCC, Lloyds Bank, 30-92-70 07370665 and email Anne Salmon at giving@stnicolasbookham.org.uk to let her know

Periodically

By cheque to the office or Anne Salmon, by bank transfer as above with your name as reference, or by online giving at CAF Donations through the giving pages of the website

For either

If appropriate and you have not already done so, fill in a Gift Aid form and send it to Anne. Forms are available on the Giving pages of our website from the office