

Otley: February 2019 Update

Finances

Church accounts for the first quarter of this current financial year show an increase in giving. If this increase continues throughout the year, the church will have increased its giving by £9k in the year and will meet all of its financial obligations this year. However, the church can still not be complacent about its giving.

Church members have been set the £100 challenge with each member being asked if they can raise £100 for church funds by August 2019. People have risen to this challenge with the sale of calendars, coffee mornings and dinner parties to name a few.

Buildings

A Steering Group has been formed to look at the use of the buildings and to focus on mission projects.

The group is looking at a) how best to use the upstairs space to generate income for church funds and to finance a mission project.

b) how to work more within our community eg the Advent Sheep Trail at Christmas and the possibility of having a “chill out” tent at the Otley Carnival.

There is still some way to go, but the church is feeling much more positive and is grateful to all those who have come to walk alongside – David Quick, Bev Downes and Michael Noble.

Please continue to hold Otley in your prayers.

Lesley Taylor

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