



Dear PCC,

As you will be aware, John has been compiling the budget for 2020 which will be considered at the meeting on Monday.

As you also know, we have had a deficit budget in the past few years which God has faithfully provided for and therefore our reserves have not been affected as much as we anticipated. However, we have had several longstanding church members who have been called to other areas in recent months and therefore we know that our projected giving for 2020 will be less than it was at the start of 2019.

In light of all this, we have wherever possible suggested reductions in the budget for 2020.

However, we feel that in addition to this we should consider the following to work towards addressing the planned giving, before we look at reducing our activities and expenditure;

1. Improve the information we give to the church family about the state of our finances and budget through the year
2. Encourage new church family members to join PGS or give by standing order.
3. Communicate what we do so that church family are more aware of what their giving makes possible
4. Communicate the budget and financial situation with church family in November as well as the usual February giving Sunday.
5. Ensure that more opportunities are used to encourage church family to review their giving, consider tithing and consider using the planned giving.
6. Review the budget in year

I am happy to provide more information on these areas if it would be helpful, but felt that it would be useful for the PCC to have this information in advance of Monday's meeting.

Best wishes, Sian

Strategic Operations Manager