

## Where will the money go in 2006/7? (Rounded figures)

Central costs (the church quota)	£80,000
<i>This includes clergy salaries, the costs of training ministers, and the wider ministry in Southwark Diocese</i>	
Administration (includes three part time office staff)	£15,500
Buildings (includes heating, lighting, cleaning and repairs)	£20,000
Youthwork (includes an OASIS youth worker)	£5,000
Other costs (includes clergy expenses, outreach and the cost of weekly services)	£16,500

Last year, God blessed us with an increased income of £134,000 (mostly through regular donations, but also through hall rental). This year we would like to raise an extra £20,000 so that we can continue to develop our youth work, music and buildings, and to set aside money for cleaning the church stonework. We currently need £3,100 per week to meet our budget.

### How are church finances decided?

The PCC (most of whom are pictured here) approves a budget that the finance team look after. We remain basically on budget, but we would like to continue

To develop the church's work and provide well for the future. The priorities set out in this year's leaflet have been agreed unanimously by the PCC who are accountable to you as elected representatives.



### How much should I give?

In the Old Testament, God's people often gave a tenth of their income as a rule, but in the New Testament, Paul says, 'Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Cor 9:7). The Church of England suggests a guideline of 10% of take home pay (or disposable income) as a minimum, split equally between the church and charities (see the examples below). As long as we handle our money responsibly, we can always give more. But these figures might be a good place to start.

Monthly Income	Suggested Monthly Giving to Church	Monthly Income	Suggested Monthly Giving to Church
£100	£5	£1,000	£50
£200	£10	£2,000	£100
£500	£25	£5,000	£250

*'All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you'* 1 Chronicles 29:14

# St Mary Magdalene with St Martin

## Vision and Finances

### 2006/7



### Our Vision:

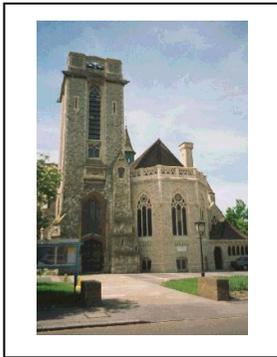
- Beautiful, welcoming buildings
- Loving, growing groups
- Explaining God's Word
- Serving the local community
- Sharing the Good News here and worldwide
- Excellent youth & children's work
- Diverse and spiritually rich worship

*"Our God is so gracious, giving up His only Son for us, and now He wants richly to bless us and our wider community. He calls us as his church to step out in faith and take Him at His word. If we would but give our heart, mind, soul and strength to His purposes, just what would happen is I am sure far beyond our imagining. May God give us the faith to give generously and to open ourselves up to receive what he has in store for us"*

**Rev. Richard Williams**



'Bring your full tithe to the church treasury, so there will be ample provisions. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams' Malachi 3.10 (The Message)



## Beautiful, welcoming buildings

- A unique Grade II-listed place of worship
- Halls that are widely used by the community, including the Magdalene Pre-school

**In the last year:** we have begun to address structural issues to preserve the building for many years; we are forming plans with architects to develop the Magdalene Centre

## Loving, growing groups

- Now 130 people in 14 Life Groups, where people are finding faith and growing as disciples together
- A dedicated pastoral and visiting team
- A vibrant family representing many ages and cultures
- Other groups including Thursday Fellowship and Mothers Union

**In the last year:** we have seen two new Life Groups begin and more people join them; we are continuing to grow in diversity as a church



## Explaining God's Word

- Preaching that explains God's message for today
- Life Group notes, guides (The Big Story & 4Life) and occasional courses

**In the last year:** we have a new Reader (Pippa Goldring); we've looked at the Purpose Driven Life; at least 20 church members have been through the Addiscombe School of Theology

## Serving the local community

- Serving the elderly with other churches through Addiscombe Neighbourhood Care Association (ANCA)
- Involvement in local schools and community organisations
- Parent and 0-5 club, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

**In the last year:** we've continued our community links; we conducted 12 weddings, 28 infant baptisms, 3 thanksgivings, and 24 funerals

## Sharing the Good News here and worldwide

- The Alpha Course
- Annual Contact magazine (8,000 copies delivered)
- Christmas & Easter (over 1,000 people attending)

**In the last year:** 15 guests came through another successful Alpha Course; invitation events such as *The Da Vinci Code*; a new Evangelist in Training (Leona Grant); we have new links with North East Africa through Richard Williams' sabbatical trip



## Excellent youth & children's work

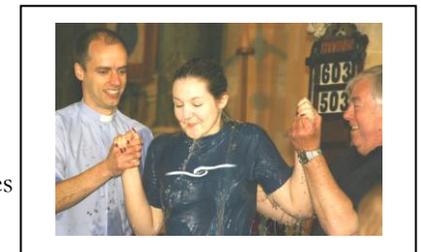
- Crèche, Junior Church, JPs, and Senior Pathfinders, making contact with over 120 children and growing young disciples
- Holiday Club (now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year running)

**In the last year:** 8 people confirmed by Bishop Nick; a refurbished Youth Room; our youthwork has grown with the help of our OASIS worker (Stuart Smith) and youth assistant (Becca Rolfe)



## Diverse and spiritually rich worship

- A range of services, attended by around 250 people each week with both contemporary and traditional music styles
- Special services, including Christmas, Easter and Adult baptisms



**In the last year:** attendances at services has risen; The Informal continues to grow; we are beginning to use data projection for service words

## Is this a vision you would like to support ?

- We would like to go on from here to finish cleaning the church tower stonework, safeguard the roof and eventually redevelop the Magdalene Centre
- We would like to appoint a new OASIS student youth worker, and work towards a full time presence in local schools and with local young people