

Treasurer's Report 2021 St James Fuerteventura

I would like to begin by thanking God for His faithfulness to us during another year. We have been able to pay all our bills, have money in reserve in our UK account to cover big costs when they arise and have maintained our charity giving which is a very significant part of our overall expenditure.

As we all know utility bills have increased and so the costs of running Casa Bob have increased this year, but I am thankful that we have been able to pay all bills so that everything is up to date. This involved an additional payment of 1087.59 Euros - a reconciliation payment for the running costs of Casa Bob and 2 water leaks!!

On behalf of St James, I would like to thank Fiona and her family for the continued use of Casa Bob, which is invaluable to us as a Chaplaincy.

During the 2021 pandemic we made savings in our annual budget because there was no in person Synod and no deanery visits for Bob and Judie to attend. Further savings were made due to no significant maintenance costs on Casa Bob, but we incurred a one-off additional cost covering 2 years reader training fees, which will not be required going forward until someone else is called to train.

By tithing our income and some additional donations, we have been able to continue our support for Spanish Association against Cancer and TEAR Fund as follows:

- 1500 Euros to the Spanish Association against Cancer
- £750 to TEAR Fund

Individual donations have raised a further 1827.98 Euros which has been given to Mision Cristiana Moderna and £57.50 to Vinniatu (Women's World Day of Prayer)

The Chaplaincy Council approved the following donations:

- £150 towards the Archdeaconry Collection to support our link Diocese in Peru during the Covid pandemic
- £350 towards the Archdeaconry Synod support fund for struggling chaplaincies during the Covid pandemic

A significant proportion (2/3rds) of our annual income amounting to 6,091.44 Euros in 2021 has come from the online donation button, which has been invaluable when we have not been able to regularly meet, and few visitors have been on the island. I realise that some of us pay into the British account directly, but even so I think it is important for us all to realise that as Church we have personal responsibility to ensure that St James is financially secure in the future rather than relying on visitors.

Our annual budget will need to be revised as we recruit a new Chaplain. The recruitment process will involve additional costs and depending on the appointment, Chaplaincy running costs could also increase. An update will be given to the Chaplaincy Council when this is clearer.

Thanks are also due again to Dr Douglas Brown who acts as Verifier for our St James accounts.

Ruth Brough

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