

Dear Members and Supporters,

Following on from our Annual General Meeting (AGM) last month, this is an update on our financial position, which will be particularly useful for anyone who couldn't attend the AGM:

Dumbwaiter

As you will know, we have recently issued an emergency appeal for a significant repair bill for the dumbwaiter. We are very pleased to say that the response to the appeal has been very encouraging - with donations received and pledges made covering the expected repair bill in full. Thank you to all who have donated and pledged so generously.

Cafe Chairs & Table

We were also very encouraged with the generosity of our supporters in funding the replacements needed for the broken and damaged cafe chairs and a table earlier in the year. Thanks again to all who supported us with this.

Bank Overdraft

We have been very blessed with a legacy, which enabled us to pay off our bank overdraft at the start of the year. This is the first time we have been able to do this for a long time. The removal of our bank overdraft (and the associated charges and interest) is something that the Trustees have been very conscious of doing for some time and so to be able to have the resources to do this is very good news. Thanks also to Brian our internal accountant who manages our day to day finances to make sure we remain 'in the black'.

Good News

We are pleased to report an ever-increasing number of churches and schools as customers. This continues to increase our outreach in the community, with people who see us a welcoming place, a haven in need and an encouragement to others. This is as well as providing much needed resource for all.

Appeal for ongoing funds

However, despite all of the above, we are in challenging times. Increasing costs such as the minimum wage increases, waste collections and new pension regulations continue to add to our costs. And so we do rely on you, our supporters, for which we are very grateful. Without your loyalty and generous support in many ways and over many years, The Triangle would not be able to continue. The Lord has provided for us many, many times over the past 30 years - in a large part through you and the Church.

For us to continue to break-even and remain 'in the black', and be able to pay our staff and suppliers on time, we do need extra help. We are calling on you our members and supporters to prayerfully consider if you can help us in this practical way by making or increasing your regular donation.

If you would prefer to give a one off amount then please do as this will help with the immediate situation.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your support.

'Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

God bless

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