

Welcome to 2023.

We are pleased to let you know that the grand total from our fundraising activities, including gift aid, is now **£88,148.15** [Target **£100,000**]. Included in the December amount is £615 for sales of retro games at auction and the profit of £582.72 from the donations given for refreshments and at the end of the New Egham Singers Carol concert on December 10th. Thank you to all the singers, musicians and those involved in staging the concert. It was a great night and a joy to be there.

Our total raised for 2022 including gift aid amounted to £6,789.95! [2021:£4731.87]. Thanks everyone.

Many of you will know as well that the outstanding loan for building and equipping the Easter Centre now stands at just below £1million [originally 5.9million]. This is also an amazing achievement so again thank you to those who give direct to the church on a regular basis.

Fundraising events for 2023

So far, we have

Saturday March 11th: A Car Wash in the church grounds 10am to 1pm.

Friday March 24th: The Weybridge Male Voice Choir will be in concert in the church. Admission will be £12 with concessions at £10. The concert will start at 8.00pm.

Other events and activities will happen and so if you have an idea how you can raise funds, please let us know.

New Venture: We have signed up with Recycling for Good Causes who offer “cash for our trash”. They are looking for several things and we will receive 75% of what they can get from the following:

Jewellery; including broken chains, odd earrings, costume jewellery and in all materials.

Gadgets; Sat Navs, games consoles and games, cameras/video cameras, mobile phones, iPods, MP3 players and of any age and condition.

Currency; Any country and any age including pre-euro notes and coins.

Note: We still use Peter and Audrey Lowther for current currency and **stamps** that are used or otherwise. *Don't forget to keep the **stamps** from Christmas cards you received.*

Ink Cartridge Recycling. Don't wait until you have quite a few as it is recommended to recycle your empty one as soon as possible. To find out if your cartridge is acceptable and what it's worth please use this link. <https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/InkjetCartridges>

All our recycling for cash items, including ink cartridges, can be dropped off at the Community Fridge on a Saturday morning at the Caddey, 11am to 2pm. Otherwise you can contact Philip Darby

The bi-centenary recipe cook book – sale. We still have a few of these left so eager to part with them @ £5 each. We also have some of Pia's book of poem's that were written during the early part of the pandemic so again please contact Philip.

The St. John's Church History Book. We are still double-checking the facts etc. from the proof readers comments, and sorting out the cover. We have been to the Egham Museum and have discovered some suitable prints etc. of the old and present church which will complement the ones we have. The book tells the story of the church from its beginnings c.7th century until the end of 2022. It is in chronological order of vicars and what happened during their time of office. Plenty of interesting bits of information, local history and photos.

Would you like to pre-order a copy? Hopefully, the price will remain at £14 without postage.

Orders are coming in, so we are very encouraged. Please email historyofstjohns@stjohnsegham.com

All the best and thank you for your ongoing support.

Philip Darby

...for the Easter Centre Fundraising team.