



14 October 2024

Request

I am writing under The Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law to request the following information from each of the twelve parishes.

1. How much financial aid has the parish given to its parochial church over the last ten years? Please would this information be reported individually for each year and (where possible) by building or area (eg church, church hall, rectory, graveyard, etc).
2. What financial contribution has each parish made to any other church within the parish (same time period, similar breakdown).

Response

St Brelade

1. All financial aid to the Parish church goes through the Trésor account, and expenditure on the church buildings are through the property reserve fund. This is in the public domain and therefore Article 23 exemption applies. It is not possible to provide a breakdown by building/area within the time (5 hours).
2. Contributions, if any, will be shown in the accounts as Charitable gifts/donations, Article 23 exemption therefore applies.

St Clement

1. The audited accounts since 2011 are available on the Parish website under the 'Your Parish' tab, the annual figure voted by the Parish Assembly for the upkeep of the Parish church appears on page 3 under 'Church, Churchyard and Rectory upkeep'. It is given as a single figure and not specific to any area or building. Some years the Assembly may also vote for funds to be added to reserves the 'Church, Rectory and Cemetery Maintenance Fund' which is shown on the balance sheet. Any monies utilised from this fund in any given year are shown in note 3. Summary of Fund Balances.
2. None

Grouville

1. Accounts from 2019 are available on the Parish website, Article 23 exemption applies. The figures for 10 years are below and do not include money taken from the Church Reserve.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Church	£7,869.99	£29.99	£5,796.56	£5,602.75	£7,757.58				£182.50	
Churchyard		£911.00								£340.00
Rectory					£274.23	£55.00				£111.00

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St Helier

1. Below is the income and expenditure associated with the Parish Church, Deanery and Church House, over the last 10 years. Please note:

- the Church and Deanery are Parish properties. Much of the costs reported are repairs and upkeep costs associated with these properties, not direct financial aid.
- there is no impact on the St. Helier rate payer, as the costs are offset against car park income from Byron Road car park, which was previously the Deanery garden and therefore part of the Rectorat.

This is the first year, in an effort to improve transparency the Parish published the income and expenditure associated with the Rectorat for 2023/2024 within the [Parish accounts](#).

2. We have no records of the Parish making any financial contribution to other churches within the parish, within the same timeframe.

	Year ended									
	30/04/2024	30/04/2023	30/04/2022	30/04/2021	30/04/2020	30/04/2019	30/04/2018	30/04/2017	30/04/2016	30/04/2015
Income										
Car Park Income from Rectorat Land	70,312	61,807	64,767	66,427	66,347	63,825	61,585	59,913	59,370	56,672
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Expenditure										
Parish Church	20,403	16,347	10,655	14,434	24,826	14,431	30,178	29,909	37,806	6,850
Deanery (inc. car park)	17,879	12,822	16,290	19,590	12,732	21,689	12,475	14,394	7,097	23,643
Church House	-	4,814	55,356	76,875	22,925	817	24,373	8,491	-	-
	38,282	33,983	82,301	110,899	60,483	36,937	67,026	52,794	44,903	30,493
Net Income / Expense	32,030	27,824	- 17,534	- 44,472	5,864	26,888	- 5,441	7,119	14,467	26,179

St John

1. The costs given to the Parish Church are detailed in our Audited Accounts which are published on the Parish of St John website, making the information 'absolutely exempt' under Article 23.
2. The Parish does not contribute to any other Churches in the Parish

St Lawrence

1.

Year	Tresor	Grant	Rectory Expenses
2024 / 2025	£15,000	£15,000	£3,000 (estimate)
2023 / 2024	£12,000	£20,000	£2,898
2022 / 2023	£12,000	£7,500	£3,540
2021 / 2022	£12,000	£7,500	£3,052
2020 / 2021	£12,000	£7,500	£3,446
2019 / 2020	£12,000	£10,000	£3,330
2018 / 2019	£12,000	£10,000	£2,599
2017 / 2018	£12,000	£5,000	£3,641
2016 / 2017	£12,000	£5,000	£2,751
2015 / 2016	£6,000	£15,000	£2,561
2014 / 2015	£6,000	£15,000	£2,812

2. No contribution.

St Martin

2. The Parish of St Martin does not give financial aid to its parochial church and rectory but rather maintains and cares for the Church and its environs which are in the ownership of the Parish. The amount of annual expenditure is detailed in the Annual Accounts under Tresor, the Church Projects Reserve Fund and any other Reserve Funds established from time to time for such purposes. These figures exclude any ground maintenance for the graveyard and churchyard as these are included within the Parish's general staff costs. The Rectory gardens/grounds are maintained by the Rector. Article 23 exemption therefore applies.
3. Donations, if any, given to other Churches are detailed in the Annual Accounts under either Charitable Grants or Special Vote. Article 23 exemption therefore applies.

St Mary

1. The amounts paid over to the Parish Church to contribute to costs that would otherwise fall to be met by the congregation (eg electricity) are as follows;

Financial years ending 30th April in the following years:

2014	£6000
2015	£2108
2016	£1800
2017-2024	£3000 per annum

2. Nil.

St Ouen

1. Tresor expenditure is shown in the Parish accounts which are available online - Article 23 exemption applies.
2. Grants/donations are set out in the Parish accounts, which are available online, under the heading Charitable Donations and Grants - Article 23 exemption applies. In 2019, a grant of £500 was made to St George's Church Club, with a grant of £1,000 per annum since 2020.

St Peter

1. This information is absolutely exempt as it is already in the public domain (Tresor amounts are noted in the set of accounts - Article 23 exemption therefore applies).
2. Payments, if any, will be shown in the accounts which are available online.

St Saviour

1. This information is absolutely exempt as it is already in the public domain (Article 23 exemption therefore applies) - Parish accounts [Parish Accounts and Estimates | Parish of St Saviour](#).
2. Tresor/Community Support - this information is absolutely exempt (Article 23 exemption applies)
2016/2017 (£5000) - [KMBT_C454e-20170706102223 \(stsaviour.je\)](#)
2017/2018 – (£5000) [Finalised \(stsaviour.je\)](#)

Trinity

1. Financial aid to the Parish church is shown in the Parish accounts, available online, therefore Article 23 exemption applies).
2. Contributions, including a donation to Ebenezer, are shown in the accounts therefore Article 23 exemption therefore applies.

FOI exemption applied:

Article 23 - Information accessible to applicant by other means

Information is absolutely exempt information if it is reasonably available to the applicant, otherwise than under this Law, whether or not free of charge. A scheduled public authority that refuses an application for information on this ground must make reasonable efforts to inform the applicant where the applicant may obtain the information.

Justification for exemption

Parish accounts – available on the Parishes website.

<https://stbrelade.je>

<https://stjohn.je>

<https://stouen.je>

<https://stclement.je>

<https://stlawrence.je>

<https://stpeter.je>

<https://grouville.je>

<https://stmartin.je>

<https://stsaviour.je>

<https://sthelier.je>

<https://stmary.je>

<https://parishoftrinity.je>

