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Dr I Keeping – Chairman Tattenhall Parish Council

Dear Dr Keeping

I am writing to you about the future of the Parish Magazine.

The Parochial Church Council has noted there is a significant difference between Parish Magazine printing costs and the revenue collected from advertisements which has traditionally paid this cost. The shortfall is in excess of £2200 pa. This is the current situation; with things as they are the shortfall will no doubt increase. The PCC has decided it can no longer sustain this cost and unless the shortfall is funded from outside sources the magazine will no longer be published! You may ask why the PCC has reached such a drastic decision.


The Church is incredibly expensive to run and currently runs at a substantial loss. Income is almost entirely dependent on peoples' generosity coming from donations and fundraising. As well as the everyday running costs, it is vital to keep the fabric of the Church in good condition so that it is safe for EVERYONE now and in the future. Another crippling cost is the huge amount we have to pay towards the Parish Share. This is the strange title afforded to what basically covers all things Clergy eg salaries, pensions etc. The current rate is £4508.29 per month and it goes up every year! There is also £14,695 owing in arrears. You can work out that before we even turn round we have to find over £54,000 plus expenditure mentioned above. How do we manage this? The simple answer is - we don't! This is why the magazine is at risk and I am asking for financial help.

*You and members of the Council know how highly regarded this traditional publication is. There is no doubt that many households appreciate that the magazine is delivered to their door every month apart from January. It is the means by which the **WHOLE** Community gets all the information needed about every organisation in the village and surrounding districts not to mention important matters from the Parish Council! The magazine is delivered to 1600 venues. There is no charge to the recipients.*

Your financial assistance would be very much appreciated and a huge relief! May I ask you to kindly give this matter your prompt and positive consideration. I would be happy to discuss the matter further if required.

Thanking you in anticipation of your favourable reply.

Yours sincerely



Jane Richards
Treasurer – St Alban's Tatttenhall PCC