



St James' Church, Exeter

The Church:

This anglican church is rooted in the Anglo-Catholic tradition but reflects the diversity of its members by drawing from different traditions and styles of worship. They are a growing congregation with a good number of young families. They have strong links into the local community and run children's holiday clubs. Their building is in a good state of repair.

Finance:

The Church has a small deficit in its budget, however, they reserves of around £290000 of which 70% are invested through the Diocesan Board of Finance.

Engagement with the project:

The EMC Project Development Officer firstly met with the leadership team and later facilitated a whole church workshop. A particular focus of discussion was whether it is right for a Christian community to hold large reserves. There was also an interesting debate about what "ethical investment" means to them

Outcomes

As a result of the whole church workshop the church has committed to

- Finding out "what their investments are doing"
- Creating an ethical investment policy.
- Linking up with St Michael's and All Angels in running an event to inform more people about money issues.

