**Church members’ Finance Report (May 2019) covering the four month period to 30th April 2019.**

We have had a very good start to the year in terms of offerings. Against a budget of £100,000 for the first four months of the year, we have received £114,000. This has meant that the 12 month rolling average for total monthly offerings (the slide I present at every Members’ meeting – see below) has exceeded the £25,000 target for the first time.

As regards total revenue, we have now received the £10,000 legacy from Maisie Bertha Grant's Estate which, together with a number of one off donations, has brought total revenue for the first four months of the year to £130,000, £29,000 better than budget – **Praise the Lord.**

As regards expenditure, all areas of expenditure remain on or under budget with the exception of expenditure on the Church premises, which is shown as £8,000 overspent (see slides accompanying this report). This overspend is due to expenditure on the partition for the main hall, as we have now paid the first instalment. In budgetary terms, our Church premises expenditure is actually on budget, as the expenditure on the partition wall will be paid out of our legacy reserves rather than our offerings. I merely include the expenditure for presentation to the Members, so that they can see a full “cash” position for the Church (excluding the building fund).

In summary, we have had a very good financial start to the year, which is a real blessing as we continue to plan the much needed upgrades to our premises and seek the Lord’s guidance on how best to extend His kingdom.

***The Lord continues to uphold us with His righteous right hand***

Unfortunately, the change of date for the Members’ meeting means that I will not be able to attend the meeting and I am grateful to Roy Bawden for standing in to present the finance numbers on behalf of the finance committee.

**Craig Rowland**