

A NOTE TO THE MEMBERS OF BATTLE BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE 2018 BUDGET

At the church meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19 October 2017, Rob Duffill, church treasurer, will be presenting the 2018 budget for approval by the members. To enable you to be ready for this vote, a copy of the proposed budget is attached and to assist you as you consider it, please bear in mind the following explanations.

An increase in staff salaries of 3% is proposed, as is an increase of £1,000 in the amount allocated to overseas mission. We shall continue to send the church in Ramallah £400 per month until 30 September 2018 to meet our promise to send them £9,600 over two years towards the rent of their premises.

Despite the 3% increase in pay, the overall cost of the paid staff is less than the previous year because of an amendment to the hours worked by some members.

There are increases in some other costs to reflect current and expected levels of expenditure.

To cover the anticipated total expenditure, the tax repayments under the gift aid scheme are slightly increased to match the current level being received and the monthly target offerings will now be £19,000. This is a little higher than the offerings being received at the time of writing, which average £18,968 per month up to 31 August 2017.

We give God all the glory and praise Him for the way the Holy Spirit places the needs of our fellowship into the minds of members, who respond generously with gifts and offerings.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 19th when other matters will be brought to your attention by a range of speakers, including voting on the appointment of Deacons.

Rob