

Giving in Grace



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Our giving sustains our church **building**,
a sacred place dedicated to worship, prayer and witness.

Our giving sustains our **clergy**, here and across our diocese and helps train new clergy.

Our giving sustains our **ministry**, measured by every:

- ✚ sick person visited
- ✚ confirmation course run
- ✚ school assembly taken
- ✚ wedding performed
- ✚ bereaved family comforted
- ✚ baptism celebrated
- ✚ sermon preached
- ✚ Eucharist celebrated
- ✚ person shown the love of Christ through
our care, comfort and compassion

Our giving sustains **mission** both here in the UK and overseas for people we may never meet but to whom we are able to give practical support through our ministry of giving.

*This ministry
not only supplies
the needs of the saints
but overflows
with many thanksgivings to God*

2 Cor 9:12

o u r c h a l l e n g e

To cultivate what St Paul calls the **grace of giving** we need to think carefully about all we receive from God and prayerfully review our giving.

Our church needs **£12,767** per month in **2015** to sustain our building and clergy, our **ministry and mission**

As our estimated receipts in 2015 will only be **£128,000**, we will require a further **£25,200** or **£2,100** per month to meet our needs, or **£485** per week

To bridge our income gap and for our ministry to flourish we need the **grace of giving**. The following table gives an example of how we can achieve this:

This many people	increasing monthly giving by	equals this much extra income
13	£5.00	£65
40	£7.50	£300
58	£10.00	£580
30	£12.50	£375
24	£15.00	£360
12	£20.00	£240
6	£30.00	£180
To meet our target increase of		£2,100

But just as you excel in everything ...see that you also excel in this grace of giving 2 Cor 8:7

our choices

Giving to God's work through the church should be a priority.

Is it time to give regularly by standing order?

The Gift Aid scheme has **155** tax payers contributing.

Is it time for you to join?

Our church planned giving scheme has **193** members.

Is it time to increase?

There are a number of people giving proportionately as the bible teaches.

*Is it time to give a percentage
of what we receive?*

Proportionate giving table				
Monthly income	Giving (£)			
	1%	2%	5%	10%
£400	4	8	20	40
£1200	12	24	60	120
£2000	20	40	100	200
£4000	40	80	200	400

*This is a ministry for everyone –
'each according to your means' 2 Cor 8:11*

our vision

In the coming year we expect to:

- **Grow our Church in faith and numbers**
- **Make a difference in our community and beyond**
- **Provide a foundation for Spreading the Gospel using our buildings and worship facilities and through effective communication**

To fulfil this vision, each month we will spend:

£ **7,000** on our share of diocesan clergy costs: stipend, housing, training

£ **2,550** on our buildings: insurance, heat, light etc

£ **1,883** on worship and ministry: for our congregation and wider Church

£ **1,333** On mission and outreach over the coming year

each month we will need:

£ **8,064** from regular congregational giving

£ **1,920** from HMRC for Gift Aided giving and donations

£ **693** from fees: weddings, funerals etc

£ **2,084** from our fundraising and other income streams

Thank you for helping to make this happen!

h o w m u c h ?

How do we decide how much to give?

There is no one, easy answer for everyone. We are called to love God and our neighbour and our giving is an expression of that love.

This leaflet gives some clear guidance and there are very practical things we can do:

- ✿ **increase** our giving to meet our church's needs
- ✿ **join** the planned giving scheme with a monthly standing order or weekly envelopes
- ✿ **optimise** our giving using Gift Aid if we pay tax
- ✿ **make a legacy gift** when we plan for the future of those we love and care for
- ✿ **give proportionately** - a percentage of our income given to fund ministry

But at the end of the day how much to give is a thoughtful, prayerful decision only you can make. Love is generous, love is kind and love is selfless - we see that in all God gives to us; how will we respond?