

Thank you!

Thank you for your interest in planned giving. This leaflet will explain how it works and hopefully answer any questions you might have. If it does not please ask either the treasurer or Revd Tracey for more information.

Planned Giving is just what it says on the tin: we plan in advance how much we will give each week or each month. The most common way to do this is by monthly standing order or direct debit. It is also possible to use weekly envelopes in the collection plate.

Why not just carry on putting money in the plate?

 Because planned giving helps us to think about and then to give what is right for us; no more giving from what is in our pockets or purses at the time.

 Because planned giving helps us to be regular givers; no more forgetting in the Sunday rush or at the midweek service or not giving at all when we cannot get to church.

 Because planned giving helps the church plan for mission.

 “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income”
1 Cor 16:2

Your Questions

Will anyone know what I give?

All weekly giving envelopes are numbered, not named. No one who counts our offerings will know who uses that envelope number. If you Gift Aid your gift (and we hope you will if you're a UK tax payer) then our Gift Aid Secretary will know what you give to make the tax reclaim. This information, however, is not shared with anyone else, not even the parish priest.

Tell me about Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a generous government scheme that allows churches (and charities) to claim back the tax you have paid on your gift to our church. For every £100 you give, the church can claim £25 extra—absolutely free! All you need to do is to sign a Gift Aid declaration.

Can I stop giving?

No problem. Your situation might change; you might move away. Simply speak to your bank/building society about cancelling your standing order. If you use the weekly envelopes please ask the treasurer to take your name off the envelopes list,

A standing order works for me, can I do that?

Certainly; if it is best for you then you can give by standing order. In fact it really helps us if you do. A Standing Order form is available from the treasurer if you prefer to plan your giving this way.

I'm using Weekly Envelopes, but I'm not in church every week—so what do I do?

Lots of people ask this! If you cannot be in church one week (or more) then simply put your usual gift in that week's envelope and when you next come, bring the envelopes for the weeks you have missed. It is no problem if you put several envelopes on the plate on one Sunday.

Does planned giving make a real difference?

The short answer is, absolutely! Our church needs generous, regular giving to sustain our life and ministry; as Christians we should give generously to thank God for all He has given to us. Planned giving helps us to do both of these things, as well as plan more effectively for the future.



“Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field”

Deut. 14:22

How Much Should I give?

That is the question only you can answer. There is helpful guidance in our leaflet and some thoughts just below but it is your decision. There is no minimum charge, no subscription fee. But planning to give regularly is an important decision which helps you and our church.

We give to our church for various reasons :

-  To thank God for His love and His gifts to us.
-  To help us as a church to continue our work of worship, care, service, witness and mission.
-  So as a church we can pay our bills so that our church is here for us and future generations.

So, to help us think about how much to give we can ask ourselves two questions. Firstly, is what I give realistic given the needs of my church? Secondly, does how much I give reflect what God has generously given to me?

These are tough questions for all of us! Each year we invite all church members to review their giving. So make a start by giving regularly and let your giving grow from there.

All To The Church?

Charities do amazing work and we hope that we all give to Christian and non-Christian charities as well as giving to our church.

But our church should have a special place in our giving. We come here to worship, grow in our faith, share in its activities and enjoy the people. We are part of the wider family of churches in our Diocese and we help support each other in ministry costs through our parish share. So we think that giving to the local church should be the first call on our giving, just as weekly worship should be a first call on our time.



So, thank you for your interest in planned giving. And thank you for your support for the ministry here, not only in financial terms but through you time, skills, care and your prayers. Your contribution makes a difference and we thank God for you.

God continues to be faithful and generous to us and we long to respond in love through our faithful giving.

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