

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Please **REVIEW** your giving prayerfully and consider:

1. Making an **INCREASE** in the amount that you give and
2. making a **SWITCH** to giving through the Parish Giving Scheme with an annual increase in line with inflation.

What do I do next?

- ★ Sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme by one of three methods:
 - On-line at www.parishgiving.org.uk, searching for our parish using our PGS code: **370637377**.
 - Telephone on 03330 021271, Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm.
 - By post using our Gift Form on our website, available in church or from Bob West (robandinwest@tiscali.co.uk).
- ★ If you do not sign up to PGS, and you pay tax, consider filling in a **GIFT AID FORM** if you have not already done so, so that HMRC will REFUND to St Mary's 25p for each £ you give at no cost to yourself. *giftaid it*
- ★ We are very grateful for a number of legacies, including £20,000 in 2020 which contributed to our new audio-visual system. If you would like to receive information about legacies/writing a will please contact Bob West.

THANK YOU

Thanks to the previous generosity of our church members, we have recently been able to:

- ★ Update our audio-visual systems, so that we can livestream Sunday and funeral services, as well as having a great facility for local organisations to use.
- ★ Provide a warm, welcoming and spiritual place for our community, including hosting a new cub scout pack of 20 children for our associated scout group.
- ★ Continue with our Messy Church at Home and keeping in touch with families who are part of that congregation.
- ★ Provide home communion and care for our elderly members.



It's good to be part of a church where we offer care and support to each other and reach out to the wider community.

Kay Mussard

UNITED in GIVING



St Mary of Nazareth Church, West Wickham

A welcoming family with Christian faith at the heart of all we do

Securing our future

OUR VISION

As we emerge from the pandemic we want to serve our community with thanks for all we have. We have a moment of opportunity to meet the needs that exist and bring God's love and care to others together with St Francis'.

Our Vision Group has met a few times and developed a real sense that God is doing a new thing:

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:19



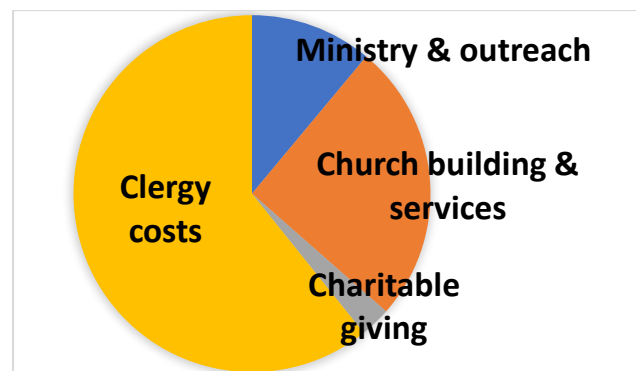
In the coming year we hope to:

- ★ Restart our Messy Church face to face to offer a fun & creative space to explore faith.
- ★ Increase our use of telephone befriending in addition to our regular gatherings for senior citizens and others who are lonely.
- ★ Expand our bereavement support to bring a spiritual offering to those who struggle with their loss.

Your contribution will make a real difference

OUR CHALLENGE

To fund this vision, we will spend £1,338 each week:



We do not receive any local or national government support and our hall income has been significantly reduced recently. We rely on regular giving to be able to support the expenditure set out above.

Each week, our current regular income is £1,022.

So we have a challenge!

We require an extra £316 per week (£16,432 per annum) to be able to commit ourselves to our planned ministry.

How much can you add to your regular giving? The price of a cup of coffee (around £3) each week, or what about the cost of your broadband connection (around £8 per week)?

HOW MUCH TO GIVE

Our loving God is generous to us all and St Mary's encourages all those who regularly worship with us to consider how they can contribute to the ministry of the church. There are many different ways of giving; time, talents and finances. We are concentrating here on the financial side. If you can give in other ways, please do contact Hazel, our vicar.

What should I give?

Take time to consider the Biblical guidelines below. Pray and ask God for guidance and a cheerful heart. Seek to be generous. Give!

Many people discover more about God's generosity, love and provision as they give. If you are new to giving or have financial difficulties, begin small and plan to increase/review your giving over time.

The Scriptures teach the principle of **PROPORTIONATE GIVING**: in other words, giving a percentage of our income. The Church of England challenges its members to give 5% of their after-tax income to the Church and a similar amount to other charities.

As a rough rule of thumb:

5% = £1 per week for every £1,000 of annual income. For example, 5% of an income of £10,000 = £10 per week