

HOW YOU CAN GIVE FINANCIALLY

Standing Orders - You can set up a Standing Order online with your bank. Alternatively complete a Standing Order form (which you will find in the Welcome Desk leaflet rack in the Trinity Room) and send it to your bank.

Payroll Giving - This enables you to donate direct to us from your gross salary. For example

- If you are a standard rate taxpayer (20%), the immediate tax relief means that a donation of £100 will cost you just £80
- If you are a higher rate taxpayer (40%), a donation of £100 will cost you just £60
- If you are a highest rate taxpayer (45%), a £100 donation will cost you £50

You can also donate the tax that would normally be paid to the government.

Legacies

Have you made a Will yet? If not, it's really important that you do! What you own will then be shared out how you want it to after you die. And when you make a Will, consider including our Church as a beneficiary.

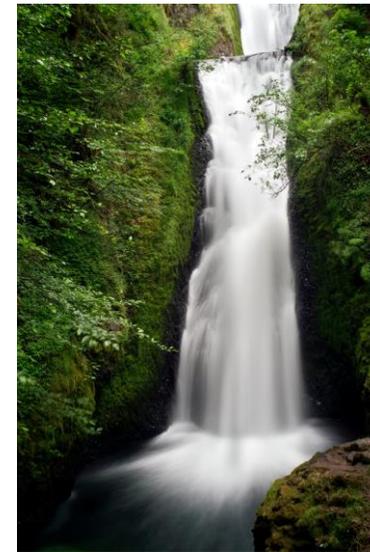
For more information

If you have questions about any of the practicalities of giving, please speak to

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GIVING TO GOD'S WORK 2017



**This leaflet explains our financial needs
for the coming year
and how you can play a part
in helping us meet them**

**reaching out with God's love and power
helping one another live for Jesus**

LOOKING BACK



2016 was another great year for our church. We saw people come to faith, others deepen their friendship with Jesus, and a rich variety of ministry and mission both locally and overseas. So much of this only continues to happen because church members serve and give so generously, and we are really grateful to you for this.

In 2016 we budgeted to break even. But as we approached the end of the year we faced a deficit of between £5,000 and £10,000. However, your generous response to this news meant we ended the year with an encouraging surplus of between £5,000 and £10,000! Our Church Council will consider how best to make use of this.

LOOKING FORWARD

In 2017 we want to continue to build for the future, and our focus this year will be **live for Jesus** ...

Jesus died for all,
that those who live should no longer **live** for themselves
but **for him** who died for them
and was raised again
(2 Corinthians 5:15)

Financially we are again budgeting to break even. For this to happen we need Planned Giving to increase by 5% and One-off Giving to come close to last year's record level of £95,000. So we need those who don't yet give to start doing so, and those who do to consider giving more. As we aim to live for Jesus, we all have a part to play in this by giving regularly, realistically and as a priority.

2017 Income (£000s), consisting of...	396	%
Regular and one-off giving (including tax reclaimed)	330	83
Gift Day	27	7
Church Centre rentals	34	9
Other income	5	1
2017 Expenditure (£000s), consisting of ...	396	%
Our share of the cost of employing clergy in our Diocese	111	28
Cost of staff we employ directly	142	36
Church activities and giving beyond our parish	72	18
Building maintenance and running costs	43	11
Administration and other expenses	28	7

This year we particularly want to encourage those who make one-off gifts to consider giving regularly instead. This will help us hugely with our planning. If you're not able to make this change but can tell us in advance about one off gifts you plan to make during the year, this will also be a great help.



Please will you reflect on God's grace and generosity to you, and respond in the light of this. *Please complete the response form today, or by Sunday 12 February at the latest, **even if you do not plan to change your current level of giving**.* A prompt reply will really help us in managing our resources through the year.

Remember this:
Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
Each of you should give
what you have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
(2 Corinthians 9:6.7)