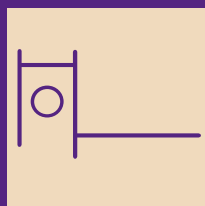
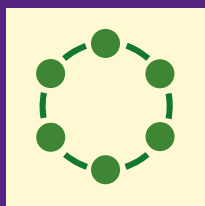
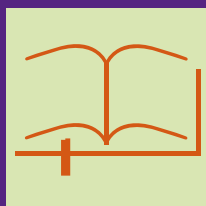


# A better way to encourage giving in your church



PARISHGIVINGScheme

*explained*

## Why

The Church of England offers a Christian presence in every community, seeking to be at the heart of all our cities, towns and villages; by serving our communities; by sharing our faith and values; by worshipping together and by our wonderful buildings. This valuable contribution to our community has a cost, which is largely met by personal donations. For the Church to survive and grow, we rely on regular donations so that we can plan confidently for the future.

'Money' dominates too many agendas in our Church. We need to tackle this problem head-on, so that we can move forward with confidence. Successfully addressing the Church's need to receive realistic, long term giving from committed Christians is a fundamental part of developing a thriving, outward looking church.

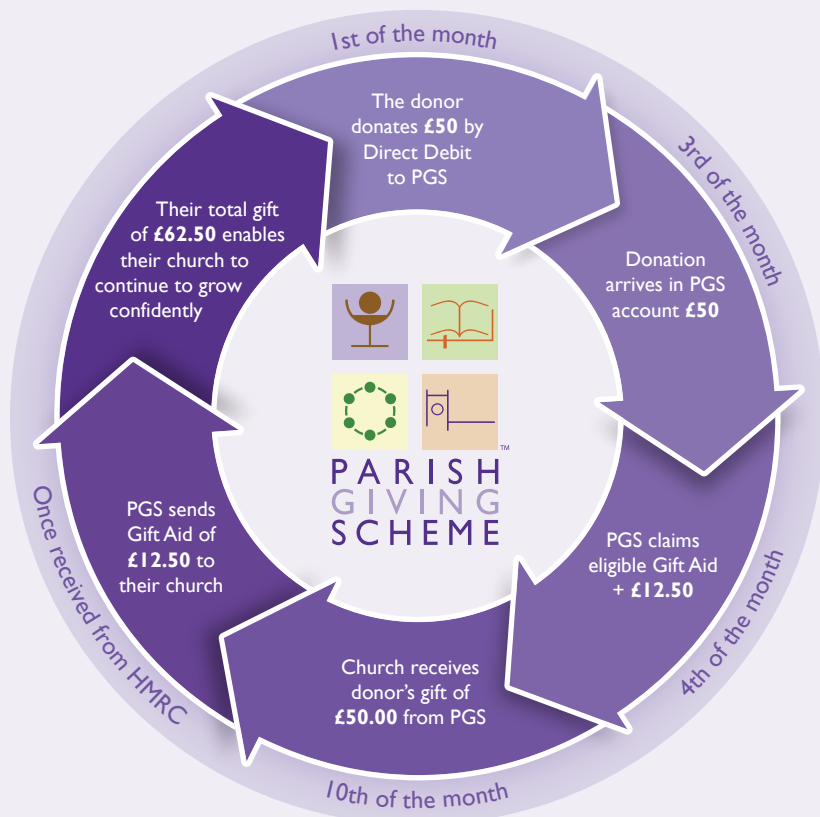
## What

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a 21st century solution to offset one of the greatest threats to parish income which is static giving. Donations made through this scheme use a Direct Debit. This can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Each donation is restricted to a parish church.

If this scheme becomes the principal funding method for your Church, you will have **'inflation-proofed' your giving, maximized your cash-flow and minimised your administration.** This will free up your parish to focus on other important priorities.

The introduction of the PGS also provides you with an excellent opportunity to talk about money with the potential to bring about a change in cultural attitudes to giving. *To take full advantage of this opportunity it is therefore strongly recommended to introduce the PGS alongside an appropriate giving programme.*

How does it work -  
based on an example of £50 a month



### In summary the scheme:

- Collects your regular donations for your parish
- Claims the Gift Aid entitlement on your behalf
- Pays the gifts into your PCC account by the 10th of the month
- Pays the Gift Aid into your PCC account once its received from HMRC
- Undertakes a basic level of donor care
- Provides the (popular) option for donors to increase donations annually with inflation.

## Example of how the Parish Giving Scheme could impact your parish income

**2012 = £40 + £10 Gift Aid = £50**

*Gift increases in line with Retail Price Index (RPI)\**

**2022 = £68.51 tax efficient gift a month**

Extra **£222.14 a year** at no extra trouble

\* Estimate using actuarial projections from CEPB - 3.2%

## Who

The scheme is operated as a partnership between Church of England dioceses to ensure that it can remain delivered locally but administered as cost effectively as possible. It has been in operation since 2008 and is already making a huge impact.

*“No weekly hassle with envelopes or change”*

*Colin, Parishioner*

*“Simple and reliable”*

*John, Church Treasurer*

## How

There are three easy and secure ways for donors to set up regular giving with PGS. Direct Debit instructions can be made online at [parishgiving.org.uk](https://parishgiving.org.uk), by telephone on **0333 002 1271**, or by completing a gift form and posting it to PGS.

## What next

If you want to find out more about how your parish can begin to offer the Parish Giving Scheme, alongside an appropriate giving programme, please contact your diocese's Giving Advisor.