



PARISHGIVINGScheme

A guide for Church Councils



“Simple and reliable”

John, Church Treasurer



What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

The Parish Giving Scheme is a new, free resource to help your church members plan their giving and, where appropriate do so tax efficiently.

Used by the majority of our dioceses, the tried and tested Parish Giving Scheme will tackle static giving and reduce administration time for treasurers and Gift Aid secretaries.

It can be used by those who currently give by Standing Order, envelope or open plate, tax payer or non-taxpayer,

enabling them to give to their church by Direct Debit, the most secure and efficient method of giving.

These generous gifts can be (if agreed by the giver) annually increased by inflation.

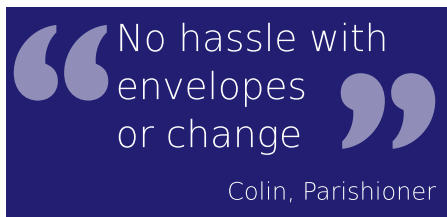
The Parish Giving Scheme, a UK based charity, does the work for you. Each month they automatically claim and send to your church the associated Gift Aid.

‘Grow in grace of giving’ 2 Cor 8:7

How does the Scheme work?

Gifts can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis on the 1st of the month.

The gifts and any associated Gift Aid are automatically credited to your church the same month.



Your church treasurer receives a monthly report, from the Parish Giving Scheme Team, listing the giving and gift aid claimed.

Tokens are available for church members to put on the offering plate at each service.

Managing Inflation.

Your church, like our government and every household is hit by inflation, eroding the value of your gifts.

The Parish Giving Scheme tackles this problem by enabling church members to choose the popular option, to



increase their giving annually in line with inflation.

If financial circumstances change they can increase or reduce their gift by just calling the Parish Giving Team.

Also when the annual inflationary letter is received the increase can be declined or increased.

All you need to do.

Pass a resolution at PCC to say: "We the PCC agree to commence operation of the Parish Giving Scheme".

The Church Council then signs up, at no cost, to the Parish Giving Scheme. Your treasurer should have the registration form.

Each Church Council member should consider joining this preferred method of giving. All you need to do is complete an original Gift Form (Direct Debit Mandate).

If anyone currently gives by Standing Order they will need to contact their bank to cancel the payment details.

The treasurer and finance team should now provide information personally to each church member to promote the Parish Giving Scheme.

Summary of the Scheme.

The planned gifts are given by a secure and safe method - Direct Debit.

Eligible Gift Aid is automatically claimed by the Parish Giving Scheme Team.

The gift and any associated Gift Aid is then paid to your church the same month.

“It is a win win proposition which helps our treasurer and church”

Frankie, Church warden

There's a hugely popular option to automatically increase gifts each year to tackle static levels of giving.

Help available from St James' House staff and the Parish Giving Scheme, a UK based charity.

So why not agree for your church to be part of this new giving scheme?

The good news is everyone benefits

The church benefits by:

- ✓ Stable and often increased planned giving – offsetting 'static' giving.
- ✓ Efficient reclaim of Gift Aid.
- ✓ Protection against inflation by church members choosing to increase their gift annually by inflation rate.

The treasurer benefits by:

- ✓ Reduced administration and paperwork.
- ✓ Saves time for them and the people who count the money.

The individual benefits by:

- ✓ Being in total control of how much they give.
- ✓ A simple giving method that means regular financial support to their church.
- ✓ The option to increase giving annually to protect their gift against inflation.
- ✓ The Direct Debit Guarantee Scheme protects the gifts.
- ✓ They can give anonymously if so desired.