

Everyone Benefits



The church benefits by:

- ✓ Stable and often increased planned giving, offsetting “static” giving.
- ✓ Gift Aid is automatically claimed for the church, this means less work for your treasurer and Gift Aid secretary and can improve cashflow
- ✓ Protection against inflation by church members choosing to increase their gift annually by inflation rate.

The treasurer benefits by:

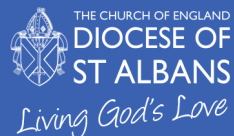
- ✓ Reduced administration and paperwork.
- ✓ Saving time for them and the people who count the money.
- ✓ Improved security by reducing cash management.

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.
- ✓ A Direct Debit Guarantee means gifts are secure and safe.
- ✓ Having tokens are available for church members to put on the offering plate at each service.
- ✓ Help is available from the St Albans Diocese and the Parish Giving Scheme office in Gloucester.



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Parish Giving Scheme - A guide for PCCs

“ Simple and reliable ”

John, Church Treasurer



Living God's Love



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.

Tried and tested by more than 9,000 people in over six dioceses, the Parish Giving Scheme can 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, enabling them to give to their church by Direct Debit, the most secure and efficient method of giving.

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

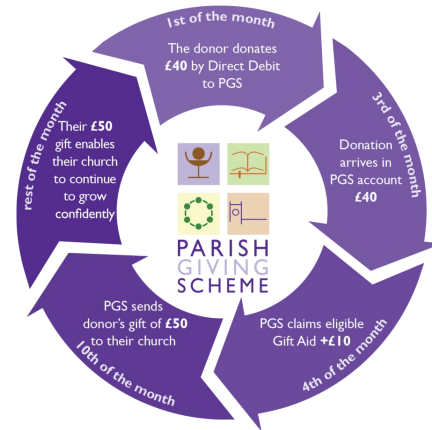
“No hassle with envelopes or change”
Colin, Parishioner

How does the Scheme work?

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

The gifts and any associated Gift Aid are automatically credited to your church within ten days.

How it works – based on an example gift of £40 a 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.

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 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, increased or reduced so full control is retained.

All you need to do.

Pass a resolution by the PCC to say: “We the PCC agree to commence operation of the Parish Giving Scheme”.

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

We would like to encourage each Parochial Church Council member to consider joining this preferred method of giving. You can then encourage others to do the same. Simply complete an original Gift Form (Direct Debit Mandate).

“It is a win win proposition which helps our treasurer and church”
Frankie, Church warden

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.

The introduction of the Parish Scheme works most effectively when launched alongside a Stewardship. A Stewardship toolkit has been produced by the Mission Resourcing Officer to help parishes.

Why give in a new way?

The Church of England has a Christian presence in every community, seeking to be at the heart of all our cities, towns and villages.



Our church serves our community by sharing our faith and values, If you sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme more of your gifts and time can be devoted to God’s mission. A summary of key benefits for the individual, your church and your treasurer are provided overleaf.

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

‘Grow in grace of giving’
2 Cor 8:7