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PARISHGIVINGSCHEME

Giving to Your Church Through the Parish Giving Scheme

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If you are considering joining the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) as a donor, this booklet supplements the information provided in the **GIFT FORM**.

Why Should I Consider Joining the PGS?

Whether you are thinking about becoming part of the planned giving scheme in your church or indeed are already part of it, please consider giving through the PGS. **Everyone can benefit.**

The Church benefits from:	The donor benefits from:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stable and often increased giving• Efficient reclaim of Gift Aid, helping cash flow• Protection against inflation by donors choosing to increase their giving annually in line with inflation• Reduced administration and paper work for church volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total control over how much you give• A simple giving method which provides regular financial support to your church• Option to inflation proof your giving• Protection provided by the Direct Debit Guarantee

Even if you do not pay any Income Tax, you can still use PGS as your chosen giving method and you will assist your local teams as outlined above.

How Much Should I Give?

Giving by individuals is essential to secure your local church's ability to serve its community and for the Church of England to minister across the country. How much you give is a matter for your personal and prayerful reflection.

Our giving should reflect not only our willingness to give, but also our ability to give; since individual circumstances differ significantly, so will our individual gifts. A starting point when reflecting on our Christian giving is that when giving to others we should give in **proportion to what we ourselves receive from God** i.e. in proportion to our income. This practice of tithing has Biblical origins and the "tithe" literally means a tenth.

For some time, the Church of England General Synod has encouraged us as Christians to review our giving annually and to give a proportion of our income. The initial target suggested by General Synod is **5% of post-tax income to and through the church and a similar amount to other kingdom building charities.**

**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 9:7)**

Using the table below, find the sum nearest to your annual or monthly **post-tax** figure in the left hand columns, then move across the monthly giving figures of 10%, 5% and 1% to decide what proportion of your post-tax income might be appropriate for you:

After Tax Income		Monthly Giving		
Per annum	Per Month	10%	5%	1%
6,000	500	50	25	5
12,000	1,000	100	50	10
18,000	1,500	150	75	15
24,000	2,000	200	100	20
30,000	2,500	250	125	25
36,000	3,000	300	150	30
42,000	3,500	350	175	35
48,000	4,000	400	200	40
54,000	4,500	450	225	45
60,000	5,000	500	250	50

Unique Features of PGS

Anonymity Option

Please note that current levels of confidentiality in your parish will be maintained even if you don't tick this box. If you opt to be anonymous, then only the PGS staff will know who you are (necessary for the Gift Aid claim), but they will not pass your name on to your local church representative. Please note that if you use the anonymity option your parish may well contact you about giving as they have no way of knowing you already do.

Inflation Option

Your church relies on the generosity of donors who historically have given either by standing order or money in the collection. Such donations tend to be of a fixed amount and trends suggest that many gifts are unlikely to increase each year. Collectively, the impact on your local church is significant, especially when the costs your church has to meet rise annually with inflation.

Year	2000	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017	2018
Gift	£50.00	£56.69	£65.40	£76.65	£77.65	£79.66	£82.85

The table shows a £50 gift increasing in line with inflation. Not all the intervening years are shown, so the increase would be very gradual.

So far, nearly two-thirds of donors across the participating dioceses have opted to increase their gift annually in line with inflation.

The PGS makes it easy for you to agree, in principle, to this annual increase. **Just tick the box on the form.** The gift form explains that you are given plenty of time to reflect on the revised amount each year and make changes to the amount if you wish. **Therefore, donor control is retained.**

What Happens Next?

1. **Read the notes carefully as you complete the GIFT FORM;**
2. **Send the Gift Form direct to the PGS Office.** Keep the left hand side of the form as it explains what will happen next;
3. **Cancel any existing Standing Order** you may have prior to your first gift being made through PGS;
4. **Contact the Parish Giving Scheme Office** if you want to change the amount of your gift or update your personal details:

PGS Office, Church House, College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LY.

Tel: 01452 835595. Email: info@parishgivingscheme.org.uk

Questions?

Please contact your church Treasurer, Gift Aid Officer or Stewardship Promoter.