

St Nicholas, Sighthill, Parish Church

Dear Members and Friends

St Nicholas Church Sighthill Gift Day 2021

Our Gift Day this year is on **Saturday 4th December**. With the lifting of restrictions on social gatherings (subject to the usual caveats on the wearing of face masks, social distancing etc) we are once more able to welcome you for coffee/tea and biscuits on the morning of Saturday 4th December **from 10am to 12 noon** if you would like to hand over your contribution in person. This will take place in the large hall and will be an at seat service with a maximum of four people to each table.

As you will understand, 2021 has once again been a tough year financially for St Nicholas Church.

The building has once again required substantial repair work in 2021 and we have also had our ongoing operating costs. On income, we have been unable to receive money from groups using the building nor regular contributions from in person services which has reduced our income dramatically from pre-covid times.

I would like to thank all who have continued to support the church financially throughout this year and indeed these donations regularly coming into the bank and since re-opening the church have ensured we can meet the ongoing costs noted above.

As in previous years, we are asking everyone to consider whether you can donate to the church in December 2021 for our Gift Day to balance our books. Ideally we would like to raise £2,500 from the gift day which would replenish the bank balance in preparation for 2022.

We understand that this year has also been tough for many of you and please do not feel obligated to donate anything you cannot afford.

There are three ways to give:

- Bank transfer to account number 90013329, sort code 82-63-03. (*You may get a notice on screen telling you that the account details cannot be checked – this can safely be ignored. Continue to tick the box marked “yes” and proceed to complete the transaction.*)
- Cash or cheque (payable to St Nicholas Church) which you can post to the church (*address – 124 Sighthill Loan, EH11 4NT*), hand in on any Sunday or post/deliver to your elder.
- In person at the hall on Saturday 4th as outlined above.

If you are giving by cash or cheque, please can you place your contribution in an envelope, can you also write the words “Gift Day” and if you use freewill envelopes the number printed on that envelope.

Thank you all for your continued support for St Nicholas Church.

Kind regards

Sarah Hollis

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Treasurer