

# A Possible Timetable

(The following is an illustration of a Giving Initiative timetable)

## Month 1

Resolution by the PCC to undertake a Christian Giving Initiative in the parish

## Month 2

Christian Giving Adviser's meeting with the Giving Initiative Steering Group

## Month 4

- Magazine Article 1
- Presentation on Giving at a main Sunday service by an Adviser in Christian Giving two or three weeks after the Publication of Magazine Article 1.

## Month 5

Magazine Article 2

## Month 6

- Magazine Article 3
- Distribution of Giving Initiative literature
- Thanksgiving Sunday

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The Christian giving 'Discussion Groups' (if included in the Initiative) and the Sermons by parochial clergy would be in the weeks following the presentation by an Adviser in Christian Giving and be concluded before Thanksgiving Sunday.

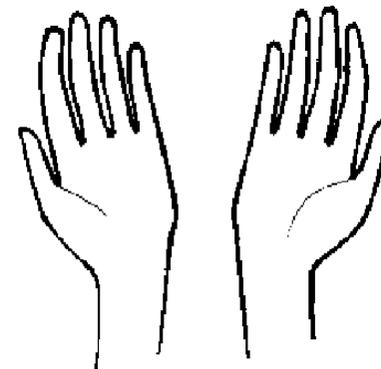
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## The Parish Giving Initiative



**A Programme designed for your parish to help church members to a deeper understanding of the principles of Christian giving**

# What's it for?

## Parish Giving Initiatives

A Parish Giving Initiative is devised for the individual parish and aims to:

- Help church members to a deeper understanding of the principles of Christian giving of money, time and talents.
- Help church members to see that giving is an essential ingredient of Christian discipleship and a spiritual issue.
- Help church members to understand why they give and what for, setting before church members their parish's vision for the future and the need for increased giving
- Help and encourage church members to think and pray about their giving for the coming year, reflecting upon what scripture teaches. It is not about telling people how much to give.
- Encourage church members to give through the parish's planned giving scheme.
- Encourage church members to make their giving, whenever possible, tax-efficient.
- Encourage those who have thought and prayed about their giving, to offer their decision to God on Thanksgiving Sunday by the making of pledges of time, talents and money.

# How does it work?

## Stages in a Parish Giving Initiative

The pattern which a typical Parish Giving Initiative will follow is:

1. PCC resolution to undertake a Christian Giving Initiative in the parish under the guidance of the Diocesan Adviser in Christian Giving.
2. Appointment of a Coordinator and the establishment of a small steering group.
3. Christian Giving Adviser's meeting with the Steering Group to plan the Initiative.
4. Preparation of 'Proof' materials by the Diocesan Adviser in Christian Giving (the parish will arrange for copying).
5. Teaching on the Theology and Practice of Christian giving by:
  - A series of three magazine articles.
  - A Presentation on giving at the main Sunday service (s) by a Christian Giving Adviser.
  - Two Sermons by Parochial Clergy.
  - Discussion groups on Christian giving (Optional)
6. Distribution of Giving Initiative literature.
7. Thanksgiving Sunday.
8. Review of results and plan for subsequent years.

