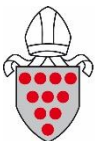




A better way to
encourage giving
in your church



An introduction for your PCC



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Why?

The Church of England offers a Christian presence in every community seeking to be at the heart of all our cities, towns, and villages, by serving our communities; by sharing our faith and values; by worshipping together and by our wonderful buildings. This valuable contribution to our community has a cost, which is largely met by personal donations.

For the Church to survive and grow, we rely on regular donations so that we can plan confidently for the future. Successfully addressing the Church's need to receive realistic, long-term giving from committed Christians is a fundamental part of developing a thriving outward looking church.

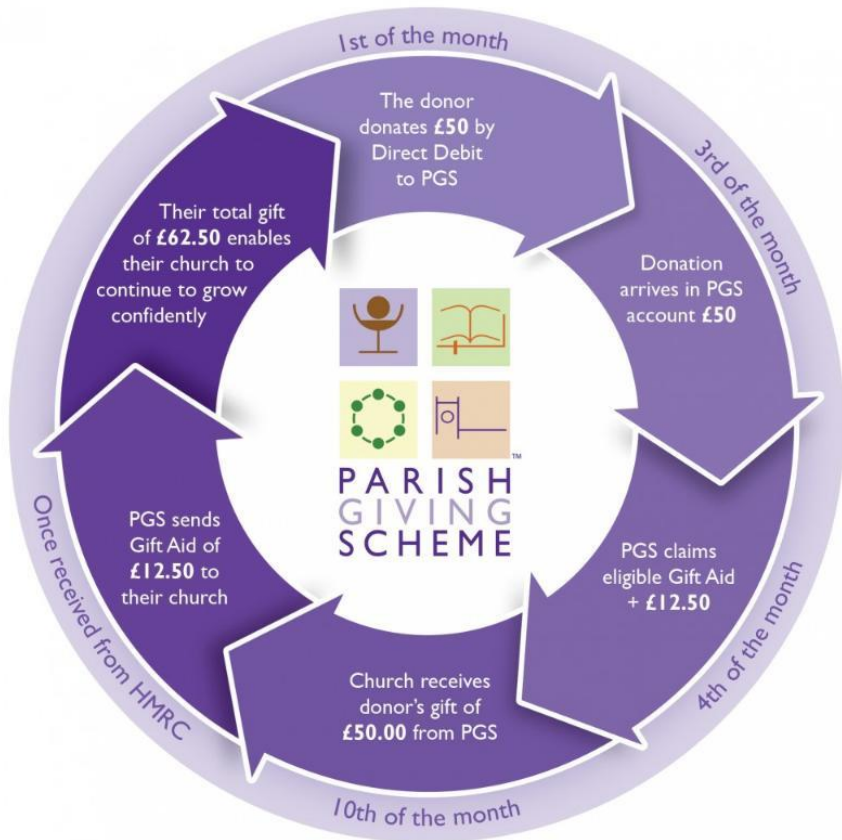
How?

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) allows donations to be set up as a Direct Debit and is protected by the Direct Debit guarantee. These can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis and donors are able to opt into being anonymous, have Gift Aid claimed, and also increase their donation annually by inflation.

PGS allows donors to set up donations in three ways: online, by phone, and through paper forms. You also receive a unique QR code for your parish to encourage donations.

The introduction of the PGS also provides you with an excellent opportunity to talk about money with your church, bringing about a change in cultural attitudes to giving. To take full advantage of this opportunity it is therefore strongly recommended to introduce the PGS alongside an appropriate giving programme.

How it works



How it helps you

- ✓ Collects regular donations for your parish
- ✓ Your payment is paid in one monthly sum
- ✓ Claims Gift Aid entitlement on your behalf
- ✓ Reduces reliance on envelopes and cash donations
- ✓ Continues when churches are unable to open
- ✓ Helps your church be protected against inflation

How the inflationary increase works

2021 = £40 Gift + £10 Gift Aid = **£50**

Donor opts in to increase gift with the Retail Price Index (RPI), which is estimated as 3.2% per annum

2022 = £41.28 Gift + £10.32 Gift Aid = **£51.60**

An increase of £1.60 at no extra trouble!

Who?

The Scheme is operated as a partnership between Church of England dioceses to ensure that it can be delivered locally but administered as cost effectively as possible. It has been in operation since 2008 and the Diocese of Worcester joined in 2019.

What next?

If you want to find out more about how your parish can be a part of the Parish Giving Scheme, please contact:

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