

We recommend every parish considers these ten stewardship actions, as they prepare for the coming new season.

	Action	Who will do this?	By when?
1	<p><b>Your regular givers</b> have sustained your church's ministry throughout this challenging time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Have you sent out <a href="#">thank you letters</a> and <a href="#">pledge increase forms</a> to your regular givers, and asked others to consider making a regular gift? If you aren't yet a member of the <a href="#">Parish Giving Scheme</a>, consider if now would be a good time to join.</li> </ul>		
2	<p><b>Contactless giving</b> is recommended as a safe way of taking cashless collections as church buildings reopen.</p> <p><a href="#">Parish Buying</a> have many cost-effective options for purchasing devices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <a href="#">Decide which device is best suited to your church's needs</a> or how to promote your current option.</li> </ul>		
3	<p><b>Online giving</b> options are vital, as many are still not able to get to church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ If you already have online giving on your website, <a href="#">how are you promoting it?</a> And if you don't, <a href="#">explore which cost effective option to choose</a> (eg The Give a Little app). For churches without a website, there is now a <a href="#">giving button</a> option for <a href="#">A Church Near You</a> site.</li> </ul>		
4	<p><b>An annual giving review</b> is important, as it enables church members to examine their giving prayerfully.</p> <p>Many parishes choose Harvest time for this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <a href="#">Decide a date for your giving review, and plan a gift day.</a> <a href="#">These resources may help</a></li> </ul>		
5	<p><b>An appeal</b>, either for church or for a local charity, is a great way to encourage generosity as part of our discipleship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <a href="#">Consider how a fundraising appeal could bless your church or wider community.</a> <a href="#">Click here</a> for further information, including a short animated film. <a href="#">Could you run a virtual fundraising event in your community?</a></li> </ul>		
6	<p><b>Grants:</b> <a href="#">Hope Beyond</a> is a new grant fund from AllChurches for churches affected by Covid, but there are many more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <a href="#">Consider whether you could apply for any external funding.</a></li> </ul>		
7	<p><b>Halls can reopen</b> – now is a good time to contact all your previous hirers to ask when they want to restart their bookings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <a href="#">Have you reviewed your costs and terms? Have you updated your entry on hallshire.com?</a></li> </ul>		
8	<p><b>Review reserves and budget.</b> Keeping around 2 - 3 months running costs in reserves is a useful guide.</p> <p>Is now the rainy day you've prepared for? Have you recently reviewed your budget?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <a href="#">Agree a simple reserves policy,</a> or review the one you already have – <a href="#">is it still fit for purpose? Review your budget for 2020 – are you still on track?</a></li> </ul>		
9	<p><b>Legacies:</b> The recent crisis has prompted many people to think about writing a will.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <a href="#">Provide church members with the information they need to leave your church a legacy.</a> <a href="#">What stories can you tell about the impact of legacies?</a></li> </ul>		
10	<p><b>Thanksgiving:</b> We have continued to be blessed by God, and been a blessing to others, throughout this crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <a href="#">Consider how your church can celebrate the gifts we've both received and given, eg Generosity Week</a></li> </ul>		