

## Impact of inflationary increase on your parish's income

For example, if your church has 50 donors giving an average of £50 per month via the PGS, having opted into the annual inflationary increase, in 10 years' time this would bring in an additional £11,106 a year to your parish.

**2017: 50 × £50 = £2,500** / month

*Gift increases in line with Retail Price Index, estimated at 3.2%\**

**2027: 50 × £68.51 = £3,425.5** / month

an increase of **£925.50** each month, or **£11,106** a year.

\* Projection from Church of England Pensions Board

## About the Parish Giving Scheme

The scheme is operated as a partnership between Church of England dioceses to ensure that it can remain delivered locally but administered as cost effectively as possible. It has been in operation since 2008 and is already making a huge impact.

“It is a win-win which helps our treasurer and church as a whole, and is easy and straightforward to operate”

*Frankie, Churchwarden*

“No weekly hassle with envelopes or change”

*Colin, Parishioner*

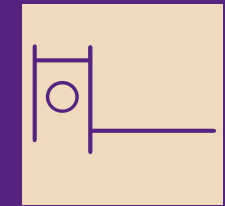
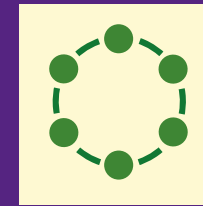
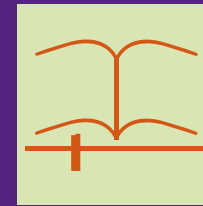
## How can you sign up?

The benefits of this scheme are available to all parishes. Once your church is registered, individuals simply need to fill in a Gift Form to set up the Direct Debit with the PGS.

For more information and to request further materials, contact Clare Fussell, Diocesan Giving and Resources Adviser, at [clare.fussell@bristoldiocese.org](mailto:clare.fussell@bristoldiocese.org) or 0117 906 0100.

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# PARISHGIVINGScheme explained

# A better way to give to church

“Simple and reliable”  
*John, Church Treasurer*



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## Why give to your church?

The Church of England offers a Christian presence in every community. We seek to be at the heart of all our cities, towns and villages through serving our communities, through sharing our faith and values, through worshipping together and through our wonderful buildings. This valuable contribution to our community has a cost, which is largely met by generous personal donations. For our Church to survive and grow, we rely on regular gifts so that we can plan confidently for the future.

Many parishes face growing costs, and the average cost of ministry for each parish or grouping across the Diocese is over £89,000. 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.

## What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a nationwide service allowing people to make regular, planned donations to their local church by Direct Debit.

The benefits of this scheme include:

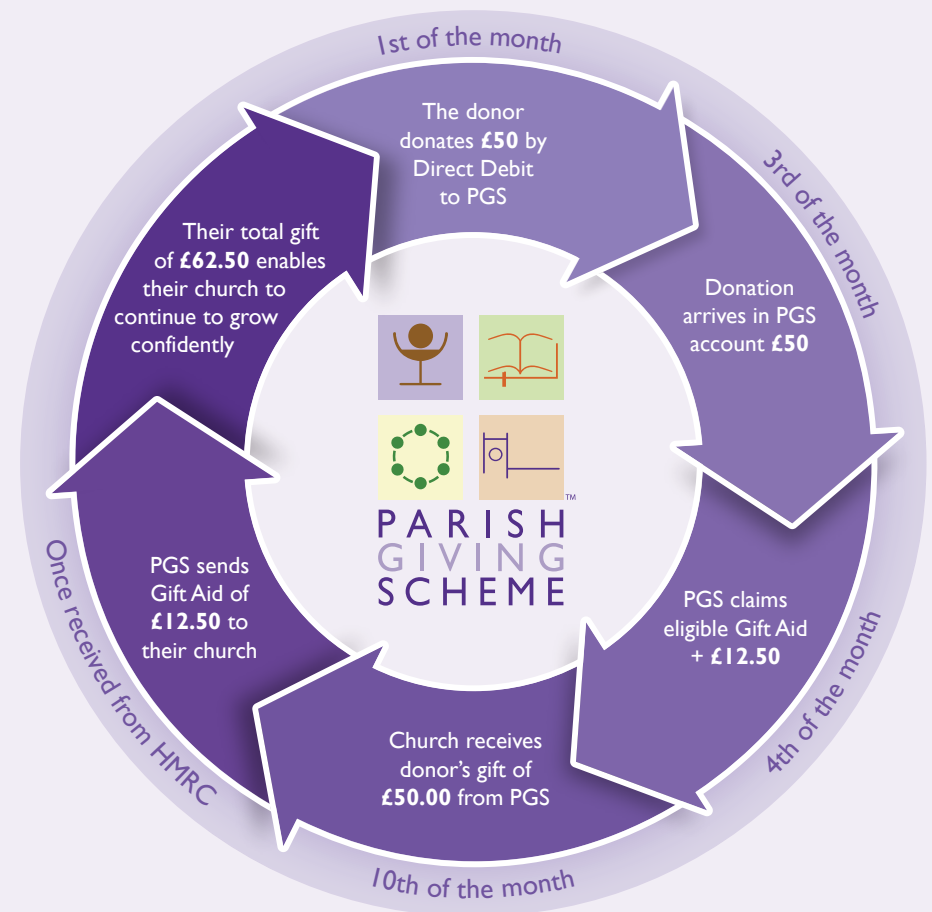
- an **improved cash flow** and a **reduced administrative burden** as **Gift Aid is claimed automatically** and paid into the church account each month,
- **'inflation-proofed' giving**, as donors have the option to increase their gift annually in line with inflation thus retaining the 'real' value of their donation, and
- encouraging parishioners to **review their giving annually**.

The cost of membership of the PGS is entirely borne by the Diocese, and is free of charge for parishes. 100% of donations come directly back to your parish from the PGS each month.

Introducing the PGS also provides you with an excellent opportunity to talk about money with your congregation/s. This has the potential to bring about a change in cultural attitudes to giving. **To take full advantage of this opportunity you're strongly recommended to introduce the PGS alongside an appropriate giving programme.**

## How does it work?

Example based on a £50 monthly gift.



### In summary the scheme:

- Collects regular donations for your parish
- Claims the Gift Aid entitlement on your behalf
- Pays the gross amount into your PCC account, usually within ten days
- Undertakes a basic level of donor care
- Provides the (popular) option for donors to increase donations annually with inflation.