



Giving Tools and Resources

We have all been learning to change the way we do things over the past few months, as Church buildings reopen we wanted to make sure you are all aware of the tools and resources available to you and your donors.

Contactless



Now that churches are starting to open, you may want to consider a contactless device for people as they visit church. We are ordering some more devices but they will be ordered in batches once we have a minimum number of parishes interested in renting a machine. The cost of each machine per month will be **£25**

This covers the cost to the LDBF of the machine each month, although the LDBF will absorb the cost of the Merchant Bank Account transaction and card charges.

You will receive a monthly statement with a breakdown of transactions each month and ask your Gift Aid Secretary to put this amount received through the bank on Form H when you claim GASDs.



We hope that more people who visit churches as well as regular congregations will use contactless for its safety and convenience.

If you are interested in going on the list, please email finance@lichfield.anglican.org

If you already have a Diocesan Device the cost of these is being increased to £15 a month from 1st September.

Start fundraising with
JustGiving

Just Giving is a fantastic resource and a great way to advertise your church to the local Community and for regular congregation to give while the church doors are closed. During Covid-19 all transaction charges are absorbed by the Diocese so all the money you raise plus Gift Aid goes straight to your church each month. Over 80 parishes have created their own page already generating over £8,000 to parishes. We will review the transaction charges regularly but there is no cost to you for having a page on Just Giving.

Make precautions for cash

It is important to say that handling cash increases the risk of infection. In view of this, we do not recommend promoting cash giving, particularly as all other forms of giving pose much less risk. If you are going to accept cash donations, make sure you have assessed the whole process, including thinking of those who will be counting and banking the money, and so will be exposed to risk. For those people, provide appropriate precautions including gloves and hand sanitisers.

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/re-opening-churches-and-safe-giving/>

'Donate Now' for your donors via the Diocese

Following on from our previous debriefs we are excited to tell you the "Donate Now" button is live on the Diocesan Website!

With the help of local software company Data Developments you can now direct your donors to the "Donate Now" page on the Diocesan Website, they can click the "Donate Now" button, complete their details, click next where they can choose your Church from the drop down list. There is an option for them to agree to Gift Aid their donation and also an option for them to cover the transaction cost if they would like to. Like with Contactless and Giving Direct the funds are received into the Diocesan bank account as we are the registered Charity but we will pass these on as soon as possible along with a report showing when the donations were made.

Donate Now

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'Donate Now' for your donors via the your own website.

Also available from Data Developments is a tailor made "Donate Now" button that is specific to your church that you can include on your own websites and is also available as a link to put on your "A Church Near You" webpage. This is one area we are still testing externally, but if you are interested please get in touch at finance@lichfield.anglican.org and we will send you your link once we are 100% sure everything is working.

Giving Direct

Another way to ensure you receive regular donations monthly and again with the Gift Aid already included. Giving Direct works by direct debit, your donors complete the form and send it back to the Diocesan office and we do the rest. Your donors have the option of an inflationary related increase, and also the option to remain anonymous the the PCC treasurer if they wish. Funds are received into the Diocesan bank account and once a month the donation plus the Gift Aid is paid over to the PCC along with a breakdown of who has given (unless they ticked the anonymous box)

This has become extremely popular, one parish has had 25 people sign up in the past month and the numbers are growing.

Please download the form from the Diocesan website and either pop it in the post or if you have the facility scan a copy to finance.



The Finance Department

Some of our staff have been brought back from Furlough in the past few days, we are all continuing to work from home. Please direct all queries for members of the Finance Team to finance@lichfield.anglican.org and we will ensure it gets to the right person.

Best wishes from The Finance Department

