

# How to Give

Talk to a member of the Ministry Team about volunteering your time – they'd be delighted to hear from you.

By joining Planned Giving you demonstrate your commitment to God's work at St Peter's and enable the PCC to plan activities with confidence in the level of income available.

You can give either:

- By standing order direct from your bank account. Most people find this the most convenient way to give, and it is much simpler for the church to administer.
- By putting cash in weekly envelopes.

In either case, if you are a UK taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid declaration, as this increases the value of your gift to the church by 25% at no cost to you!

The necessary forms to join Planned Giving are enclosed. If you would like to know more before you make your decision please speak to one of the Stewardship Team or Ministry Team.

You may also wish to consider including a bequest to St Peter's in your will. Such bequests reduce the value of your estate for Inheritance Tax purposes and therefore could effectively attract tax relief at up to 40%. For more information, contact one of the Stewardship Team or Ministry Team.

# Your Church



**Attracting**

**Engaging**

**Involving**

# Christian Stewardship at St Peter's Church Hersham



**MY CHURCH  
MY CHALLENGE  
MY CHOICE**

# Our Church

Your giving to St Peter's doesn't just support our Ministry Team, maintain our buildings and keep our worship going, but it also enables us to fulfil our Vision "To be at the Heart of the Community" of Hersham, and to spread God's word of hope both locally and overseas. It nurtures the younger members of our community by supporting activities such as Gems, Young Vines and the various Sunday morning groups including Sunday Club and Sparks, and providing a Christian themed book for every Year 6 student leaving Bell Farm and Burhill School.

Your generosity has also allowed St Peter's to start supporting the Hersham Youth Trust and continue supporting the Walton & Hersham foodbank and our overseas mission partners: Casa Re'om, Amala and the Peace and Hope Trust. These overseas missions enable disadvantaged children to go to school, live in a safe, loving environment and be children again.

**This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God**

*2 Corinthians 9:12*

# Our Needs

St Peter's is dependent on the many volunteers who help to maintain the day to day functions of the church and even more so during the vacancy. Specialist skills are rarely needed, just a willingness to commit your time and energy to bring a particular project to fruition, or to sustain some area of parish life.

What can you do to support St Peter's?

Each year St Peter's aims to balance its budget so that our regular giving matches our day-to-day living expenses and upkeep of the Church property. This has proven to be challenging over the last few years and our regular outgoings continue to exceed our regular income from Planned Giving. This has not been helped by the decline in membership of Planned Giving. Investment in Vauxmead and the income this has generated, along with the income from letting the Church Hall and St Peter's Lodge has allowed us to operate a manageable budget and it is anticipated that our finances will continue to be dependent on these sources of income for the foreseeable future.

St Peter's will need to maximise income from all of its resources. However, if you are able to review your giving or join Planned Giving it will help to close the gap between our regular income and outgoings.

# Your Gift

Your giving is your response to the gifts you receive from God. We are all called to love God and our neighbour and your giving, whether as money or your time and talents is an expression of that love.

There is no one answer as to how much time or money each person should give. Your decision should be made prayerfully and depend on your particular circumstances. The General Synod has suggested that 5% of take home pay might be appropriate, but some people follow the biblical principle of tithing, giving 10%. Some people consider how much they should give in relation to their other items of expenditure - how does your giving compare to the amounts you spend on hobbies, luxuries and essentials? Some people struggle to give money but can give their time to support the work of the church.

In summary, we invite you to:

- Join Planned Giving if you are not already a member.
- Consider your giving (time and money) to meet your Church's needs
- Give realistically in the light of your personal circumstances
- Optimise your giving through Gift Aid
- Include St Peter's in your will.

## How will you respond?