

GENEROUS CHURCH CHECKLIST



NURTURING GENEROSITY

1

Within the last year has there been any preaching in your church, specifically on our call as Christians to be generous people in the way we live and give?

YES NO UNSURE

If you're not sure how to start to cover the subject positively yet sensitively, draft sermon plans and pre-recorded video sermons are available on the [Teaching and Nurturing Generosity](#) webpage. Most follow the lectionary for selected weeks throughout the year and are available on YouTube or in MP4 format by request.

2

Away from Sunday worship, for example during midweek groups or at church away days, has there been any focus on our call to live generous lives?

YES NO UNSURE

Why not consider running our [Exploring Generosity](#) course, suitable for any time of year, or our [Surprised By Generosity](#) Lent course. Motivational bite-sized videos, great for church away days or to provide some spiritual content for social evenings, are also available on our [Teaching and Nurturing Generosity](#) webpage.

3

Do you think people in your church understand why they contribute to parish share, and would they regard themselves as willing givers?

YES NO UNSURE

Our [Parish Share Explained](#) booklet sets out why churches are invited to contribute to parish share and how that money is spent. It also gives an understanding of the cost of resourcing diocesan wide mission and ministry. Encouraging comments about the central support you receive from the diocese on a regular basis can also be helpful.

4

In the last 12 months, have you formally given thanks for financial gifts, explained how money has been spent, set out a vision for the year ahead and invited people to give to any shortfall in achieving the vision?

YES NO UNSURE

It's time to have a [Giving Review](#). This takes time to prepare and plan, and will work best if the steps mentioned above are already in place. The Generous Giving Team are available to support you with tools and templates including our downloadable [Giving Review Guide](#) and [Giving Profile Tool](#).

5

Do you model generosity in the life of the church both amongst one another and by being generous to the community around you?

YES NO UNSURE

Visit our [Generous Living](#) web page and take a look at our guidance notes on [Developing a Generous Culture](#) in church life. You could also consider a [Generosity Fika](#) which is a short programme for a small group using films, reflections and discussion to challenge participants to a deeper level of personal generosity.

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ENABLING GENEROSITY

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Is your church registered with the Parish Giving Scheme and is this promoted as the preferred way to give regularly.

YES

NO

UNSURE

Visit our [Parish Giving Scheme](#) web page to find out more and download the registration form. Once your parish has been 'activated' the Generous Giving team can create bespoke resources to help your parish promote PGS and encourage regular givers to use this method.

2

Does your church have a contactless device to enable people without cash to make one-off donations?

YES

NO

UNSURE

The Generous Giving Team have a number of contactless devices available for parishes to try out before committing to a purchase. Visit our [Contactless Giving](#) web page for details of devices available through Parish Buying, along with costs and applicable commission rates.

3

Do you have a 'donate' button on your website and/or A Church Near You page which is prominent and easy to find?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Setting up online giving is actually a very simple process, especially if you already have a SumUp account or are using the Parish Giving Scheme. Full set up instructions including how to add a donate button on A Church Near You, can be found on our [Online Giving](#) web page.

4

Do you have a QR code for online giving displayed around the church and on notices sheets and pew cards?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Once you've set up online giving, it's easy to create a QR code to display, allowing people to access your online giving page via their mobile phones. The Generous Giving Team can help you with this and have templates for posters and pew cards available.

5

Do you regularly but sensitively mention the possibility of leaving a legacy to the church?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Our [Legacy Giving](#) page is packed full of ideas on how to run a legacy campaign. It also includes a template legacy policy, details about how to order publicity material to increase the awareness of legacies, along with a link to access a free will-writing offer from Farewill.

6

Do you have a realistic policy regarding unrestricted reserves, with the balance being spent on your own parish ministry and diocesan wide mission and ministry?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Churches should have reasonable sums set aside for unexpected emergency repairs and for quinquennial actions, but need to be careful not to hold too high a level of unrestricted reserved beyond this. Visit our [Top Tips for Good Stewardship](#) page for further recommendations.