



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

How does it work?

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is essentially a Direct Debit covenant, between a giver and a parish, which includes optional annual inflationary increases and automated collection of Gift Aid.

Gifts leave the giver's account on 1st of the month, and are credited to the church bank account by the 10th. If the giver has opted to add Gift Aid, PGS claims this on behalf of the church. It is passed back as soon as the claim is processed by HMRC, usually later that same month.



The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a simple and secure way for people to give to their church on a regular basis. Most people give monthly but there is also the option to give quarterly or annually.

PGS is **available for free** to all parishes who wish to take advantage of it. The Diocesan cost of PGS is met thanks to the generosity of Benefact Trust.

PGS is a national scheme that over 30 dioceses including Newcastle participate in.

PGS processes gifts to around 4,700 churches, remitting over £7m to PCC bank accounts each month.

PGS was first launched in the Diocese of Newcastle in 2017. It has now been adopted by over one third of parishes and over 800 people make a gift to their church this way each month.



In the Diocese of Newcastle, the average monthly gift via PGS is around £72, excluding gift aid. This compares to just over £46 per month* for all forms of planned giving considered together.

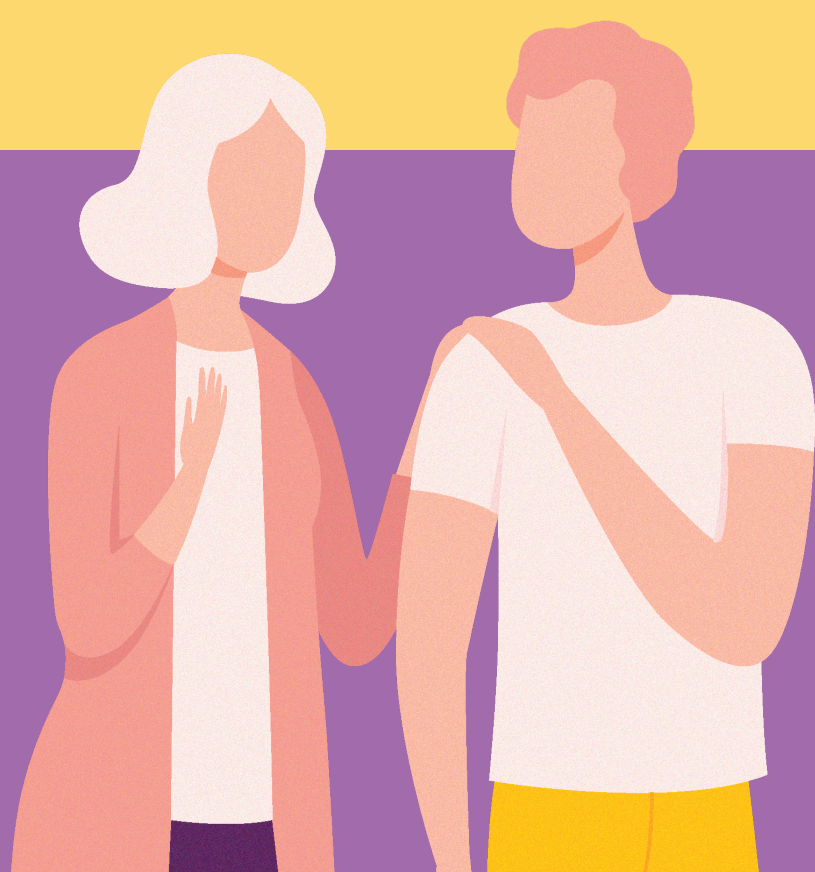
**Source: Parish Finance Returns 2021*

Five reasons to offer PGS

- 1) Increases and improves cashflow, especially through Gift Aid recovery
- 2) Combats static giving - over 50% of donors choose to index-link their gift
- 3) Helps future proof and protect against an ever-increasing digital society
- 4) A great opportunity to talk about giving
- 5) Produces significantly higher giving levels

Getting started

- 1) Visit our PGS web page to download the form to [register your parish](#). Two PCC signatures and bank details are required. The completed form should be returned, along with proof of bank details to generousgiving@newcastle.anglican.org.
- 2) Allow 1-3 days for your unique [PGS landing page to go live](#). The landing page allows givers to set up a regular gift online.
- 3) The nominated “Statement Receiver” will receive a [welcome pack and logins](#) which allow them to access monthly parish statements online.
- 4) The Generous Giving Team will provide a range of [customised resources](#) to explain PGS to the congregation and encourage them to use it for regular giving. The resources show how gifts can be set up [online](#), over the [phone](#) or through the [post](#).



A note on inflation

Despite record high levels of inflation, in the 12 months to June 2023;

- 94% of auto-inflate givers increased their giving in line with inflation
- 2% gifted above this level
- 2% increased at a rate lower than inflation
- Only 2% decreased, cancelled, or opted out of further increases



Every quarter, the Generous Giving Team publish key information about PGS activity in the Diocese of Newcastle. Data includes; percentage of donations auto-inflated, percentage that are gift-aided, total number of donations and total value of gifts.

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