



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.

The Church of England has made PGS freely available to all dioceses and parishes, with no cost for givers. PGS is part of the National Church, receiving central funding from the Archbishops' Council via a Church Commissioners grant.

As of September 2024, PGS processes more than £8m in giving to churches each month.

Almost half of the 80,000 regular givers using PGS have opted into the inflationary increase scheme.

PGS was first launched in the Diocese of Newcastle in 2017 and has been adopted by over 40% of parishes since then.

As of September 2024, over 1,000 people in the Diocese of Newcastle make a gift each month via PGS.



As of September 2024, the average monthly gift via PGS in the Diocese of Newcastle is around £77, excluding gift aid. This compares to an average of just over £48 per month* for all forms of planned giving taken together.

**Source: Parish Finance Returns 2022*

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) Your 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 your congregation and encourage it's use 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 Diocesan level PGS data. This includes; overall percentage of donations that are auto-inflated, overall percentage that are gift-aided, overall gift numbers and aggregated total amount remitted to parishes.

Scan to visit our Parish Giving Scheme webpage

