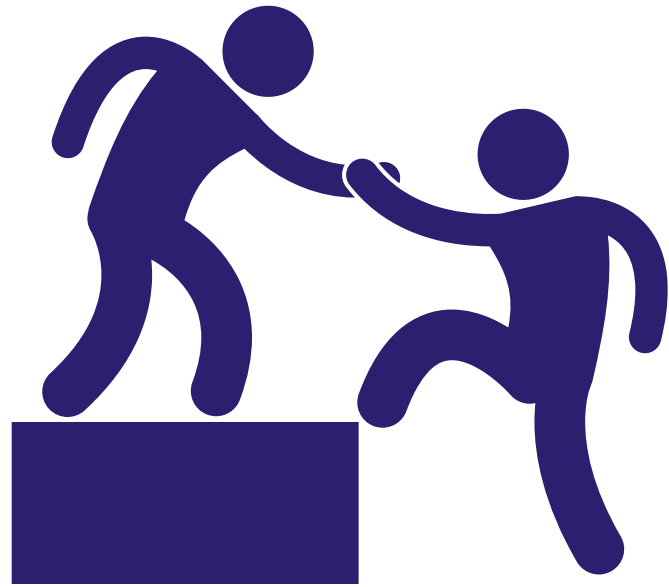


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# TREASURER FORUM

## SESSION 2

Tuesday 17th September 2024

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

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Diocese of Leeds

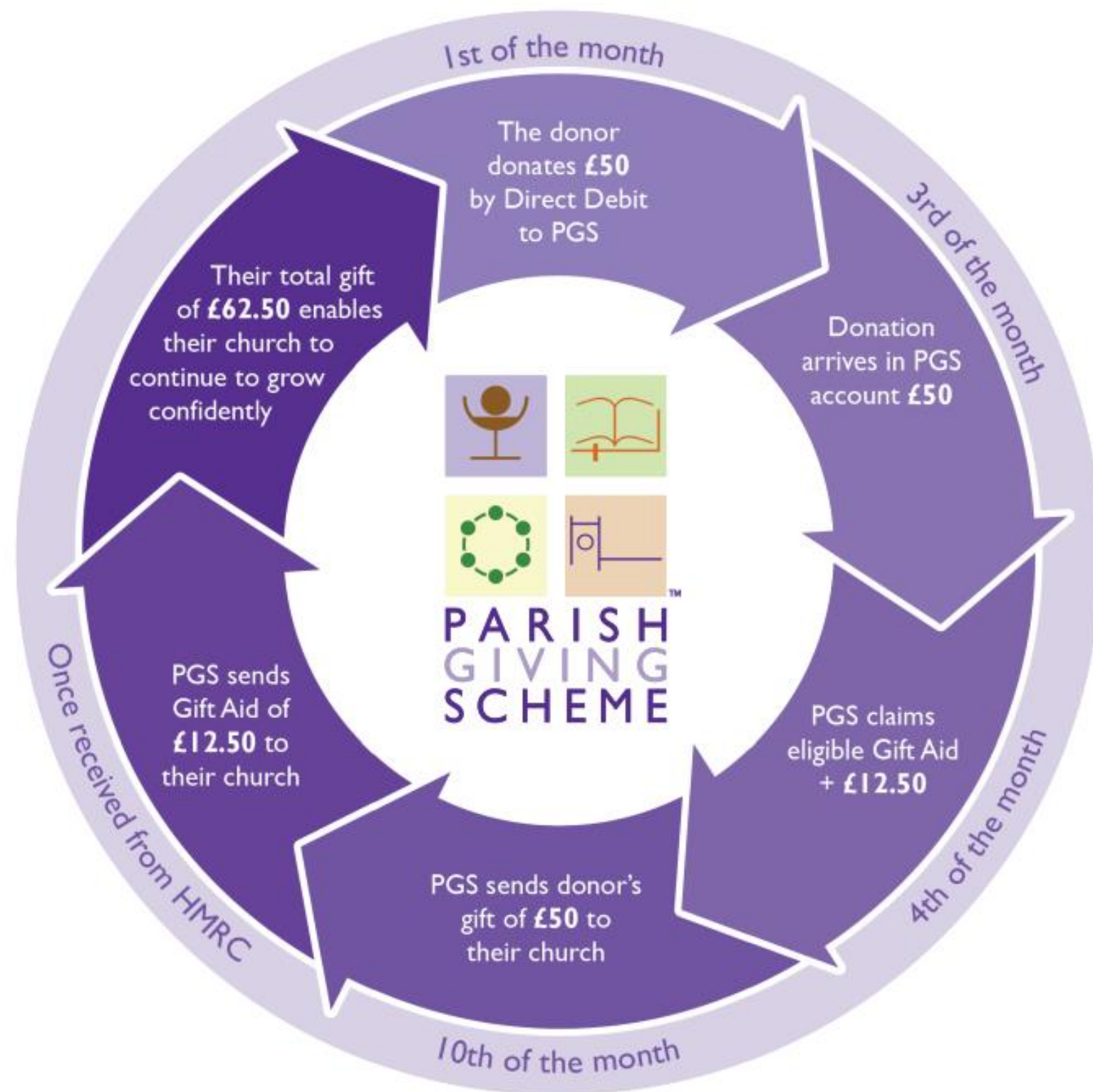
# AGENDA

- Introduction
- Background to Treasurer Forum
- Parish Giving Scheme ( Paul)
- Gift Aid (Nick)
- Digital Giving (Lydia)
- Treasurer Ambassador update
- Breakout rooms
- Feedback from Breakout Rooms
- Q&A session

# BACKGROUND TO FORUM

- Started in June 2024
- Provide training and resources for Treasurers
- Enable better communication between Diocese and Treasurers
- Networking opportunity for Treasurers
- Platform for feedback and ideas to improve our Treasurer resources

# PARISH GIVING SCHEME - BENEFITS

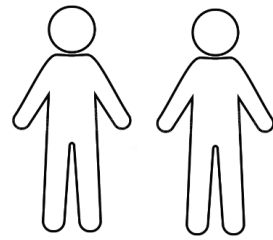


- Free regular planned giving service designed to make giving easier and more efficient for parishes
- Give by Direct Debit
- Set up gift online, over the phone or by post
- Gift Aid claimed by PGS team
- Option for donor to increase giving annually by rate of inflation
- Increased levels of giving seen. Average Weekly Gift at £17.94 in August 2024.

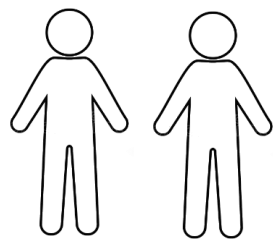
Find out more about PGS, including how to register and promote it on our website [here](#).

# PGS – BENEFITS TO THE TREASURER

## GIVING BY STANDING ORDERS

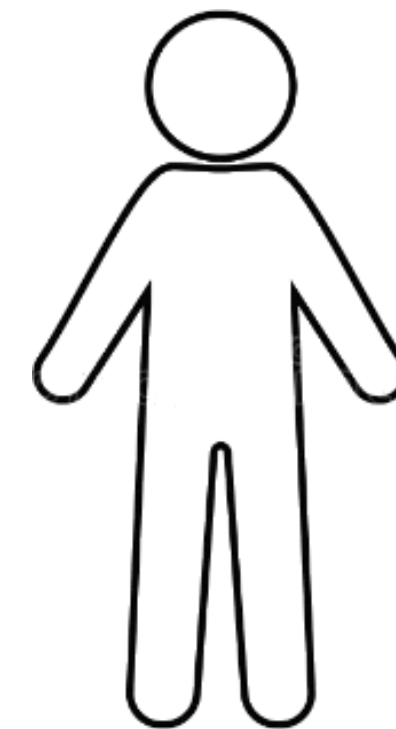


2 Weekly donors:  
**104** transactions a year



2 Monthly donors:  
**24** transactions a year

## GIVING BY THE PGS



**12** transactions a year

# PGS – GASDS CONSIDERATIONS

To be able to make a  
GASDS Claim on

**£4,000**

of:

- Sunday collections
- Baptism collections
- Wedding collections
- Funeral collections
- Donations boxes
- Wall safes
- Contactless donations

You would need  
to receive a *minimum* of

**£400**

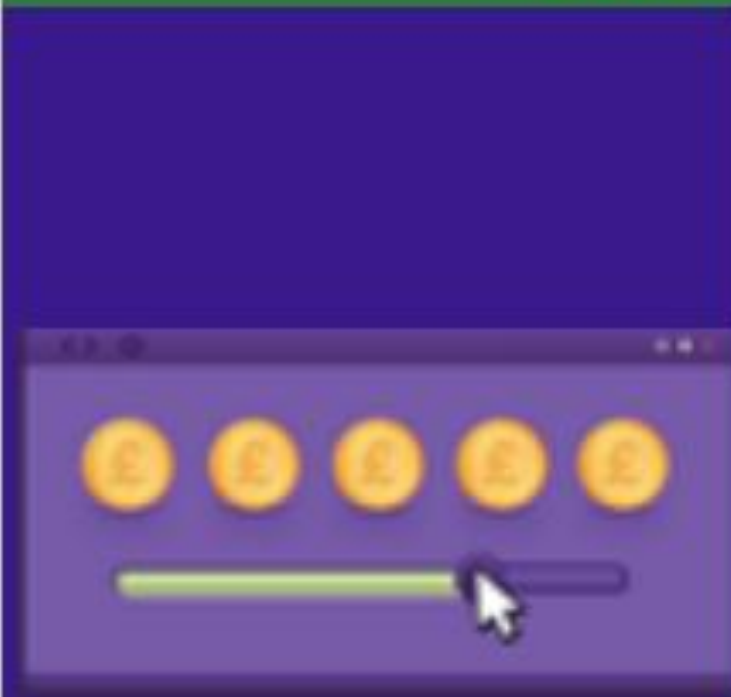
in donations from  
individuals via:

- Standing Orders
- Numbered Giving Envelopes
- One-Off (Aggregated) Giving Envelopes
- Bank transfers or cheques



# PARISH GIVING SCHEME

GIVING THROUGH PGS TO LEEDS DIOCESE IN AUGUST 2024



WE PROCESSED

**2627**

DIRECT DEBITS

**158**

PARISHES RECEIVED

**£255,871**

FROM GIVERS &  
HMRC



SINCE JAN 2022  
MORE THAN

**1070**

NEW GIFTS  
HAVE BEEN SET UP  
ONLINE

**47.7%**

OF OUR GIVERS  
OPT IN TO  
INFLATIONARY  
GIVING



**88.6%**

OF OUR GIVERS  
USE GIFT AID

# GIFT AID

**Government Resources** - <https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid>

Guidance on:

- What you can claim Gift Aid on
- Declarations
- Small donations scheme
- How to claim

*giftaid it*



Parish  
Resources

**Parish Resources Website** - <https://parishresources.org.uk/resources-for-treasurers/giftaid/>

- 12 Gift Aid Fact Sheets
- Getting Started with Gift Aid Video



# DIGITAL GIVING OPTIONS

## CONTACTLESS DEVICES



SumUp Card Reader



CollecTin More



Payaz Giving Station



GWD (Midi & Skinny)

## Benefits of Digital Giving

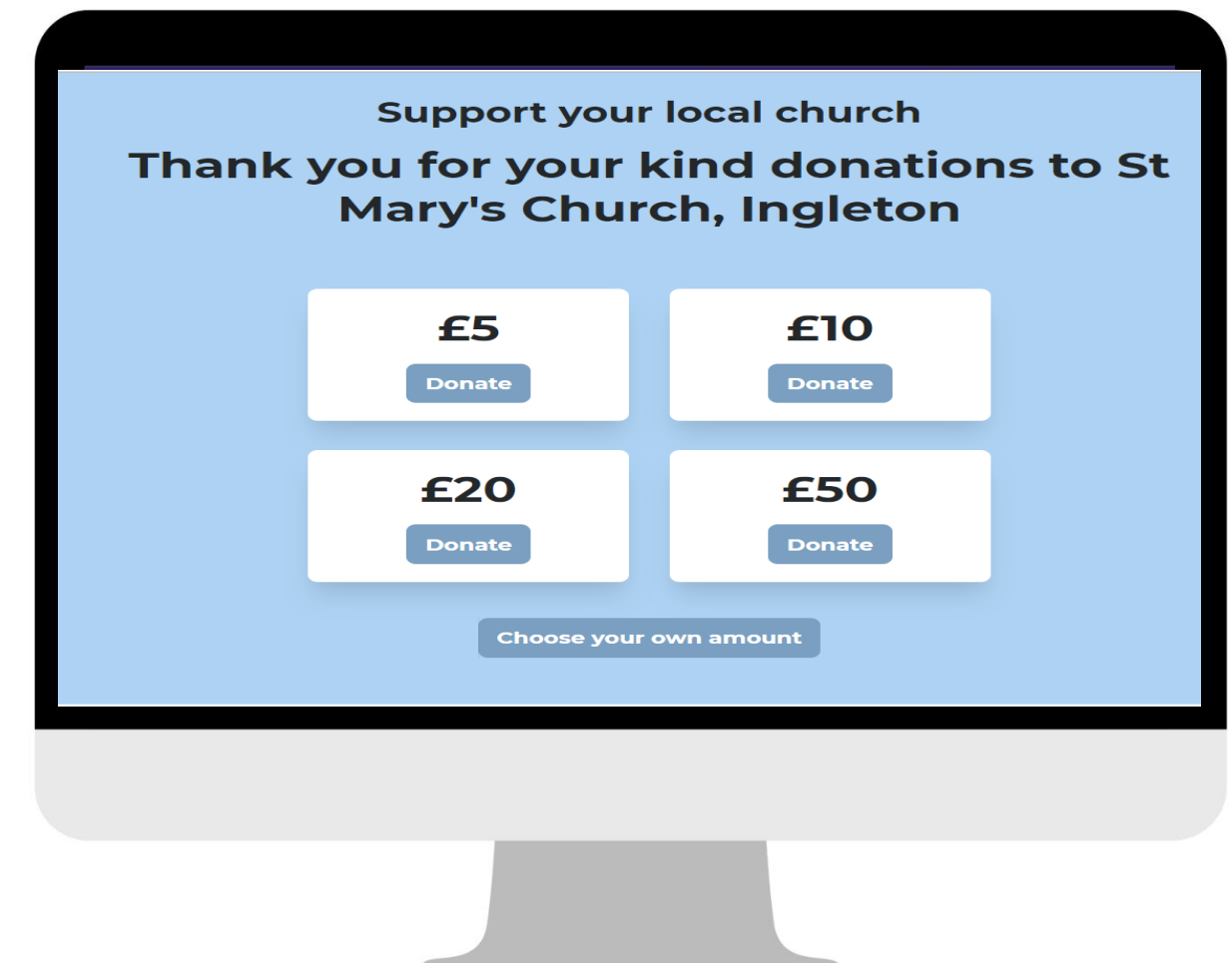
- Increasingly cashless society
- Mechanisms for Giving using the internet & by card/contactless
- Great for visitors or those leaving a one-off gift
- Donors don't need to be within church building to give (online giving)
- For guidance on purchasing a contactless device through Parish Buying go to [Contactless Giving - Diocese of Leeds \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org/contactless-giving)

# DIGITAL GIVING OPTIONS

## ONLINE GIVING & QR CODES



- Scan QR code with smartphone/tablet camera or via QR code reader app



[Online Giving and QR Codes - Diocese of Leeds \(anglican.org\)](https://www.anglican.org)



# BREAKING NEWS!.....



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1st & 2nd October 2024  
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# TREASURER AMBASSADOR UPDATE

- **Easy Ambassador Registration:** Form on Linktree & in post-meeting email
- **One Role Name:** Feedback has been that having 2 names is confusing
- **Clear Role Description:** Details on next slide

# TREASURER AMBASSADOR ROLE

Treasurer Ambassadors:

- Strengthen the treasurer network
- Support fellow treasurers online & in person
- Review Diocesan materials before publication
- Give feedback on desired training & events
- Mentor new treasurers
- Collaborate with Diocesan staff

Participation is flexible and ambassadors can tailor their involvement - choose the activities that suit your skills and time best!



# **BREAKOUT ROOMS**

**15 minutes**

**Discuss alternative name for “Treasurer Ambassador”**



# Q&As

## **Q1. How long does the Parish Giving Scheme hold on to your donations before placing in your church bank account ?**

**A.** All donations come out of the donor's bank accounts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and reach the PGS bank account on 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of month. The PGS then prepares any gift aid claims and submits to HMRC and transfers the donations to reach your banks account by the 10<sup>th</sup> month. The gift aid will reach your bank account later the same month depending on how long HMRC take to process the gift aid claim. On some occasions the GA might not arrive until early the next month. In the majority of cases though treasurers have reported that the gift aid comes in the same month. The PGS have an interest barring bank account which prevents them from making any interest on the donations they hold in their account. For more information on the PGS please see our PGS pages at

<https://www.leeds.anglican.org/how-we-can-help/finance-and-stewardship/parish-giving-scheme/>

**There were a lot of positive comments about the PGS made by treasurers on the Form meeting.**

## **Q2. Is there any specific advice when moving church bank accounts online?**

**A.** It's a good idea to move to online banking for a number of reasons. Barclays Bank were suggested as being very good for offering an easy to use dual signatory process where churches have a dual mandate set up. Virgin Bank also use it but do charge fees though.

## **Q3. Would it be possible to have a Treasurer WhatsApp group in the Diocese which would make it easier for treasurers to contact each other with questions?**

**A.** This has now been discussed with the Diocesan senior leadership team and we have the go ahead to set this up early in the new year. Volunteer treasurers would be needed to help with the moderation of the group. Please indicate this on the google form that has been emailed with this presentation.

#### **Q4. Would it be possible to ask Parish Buying if they could negotiate with bank to secure free banking for parishes?**

**A.** A request for this has been sent to Parish Buying and will update at the next Treasurer Forum meeting. Some treasurers have said that free banking is available through Nat West and Virgin banks if you have a charity number.

#### **Q5. Do all churches have to register with the Charity Commission?**

**A.** At the moment PCCs have to register with the charity commission as soon as their church's annual income surpasses £100,000. However, by end of March 2031 all PCCs with an annual income over £5,000 will need to be registered with the Charity Commission. For more details on this and a guide to the online registration process is available on the Parish Resources website at the link

<https://parishresources.org.uk/the-pcc-as-a-charity/registration-with-the-charity-commission>

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## **Links**

[linktr.ee/treasurerforum](https://linktr.ee/treasurerforum)

*Thank  
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