

How can I give?

There are different ways you can give:

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

The best way to give is to commit to giving a fixed regular amount which indeed helps us to budget and plan. The most popular and efficient way of giving is by **Bankers Order**.

An alternative is to give a regular amount by **Weekly Envelopes**. Also, you can give cash on the plate at each service.

If you pay Income Tax you are eligible to **GIFT AID** your giving. This means signing a simple declaration so that we can reclaim from the Inland Revenue an amount equal to the tax you have already paid on what you give. If you give £10 per week the Church can claim an additional £2.50 at **NO COST TO YOU** (25p on every £1 you give). **GIFT AID** is the most efficient way you can give regularly. You can also make a one-off GIFT AIDED gift by using the envelopes on the offertory table.

Information about all the above is available from Mr. H. Cox, Stewardship Secretary.

All transactions are strictly confidential.

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Christian Stewardship

Giving and Christian Stewardship

Christian Stewardship may be defined as the response which we the Church, collectively and individually, are called to make to God for all that he has given us and done for us, above all in Jesus Christ.

Our response is therefore active:

- as we respond to God in praise and thanksgiving
- as we seek to consecrate our personal wealth to God in regular giving
- as we regard our lives, our powers and possessions, our money and material wealth as gifts from God to be enjoyed and used in his service
- as we seek to be "Stewards of the Gospel" and to share in Christ's mission to the world

Unless our money gift has cost us something, it is not really a thanksgiving but more like a tip. And one of the tensions in our discipleship lies in whether we live our life and give to God the odd crumb, or whether we give to God first, and then manage the rest. If the Christian disciple does the first, he will never be satisfied: If he does the second, he will always have enough.

So please set up regular giving to enable your Church to plan successfully.

Thank you

St Margaret's Church, Prestwich
St. George's Church, Simister

A Guide to Financial Giving

Your Church
Here for You



*Almighty God our Father, we belong to you.
All that we have comes from you.
Our family and friends, our health and life,
Our possessions and energy,
Our leisure and abilities.
Help us to share in the blessings of giving
As well as in the happiness of receiving.
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen*

Why Give to Your Church?

Here's what some of our committed and generous givers have to say:

We give in response to God's generosity and love for us. Everything we have comes from Him.

OUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The Church family gives so much to us: the opportunity to worship, pray and grow as Christians; mutual support in all areas of life and enjoyment through friendships made, not forgetting the social events.

OUR HISTORY

St. Margaret's & St. George's have been a focus for Christian activity in the community for nearly 200 years. We want to ensure that it is here for the next generations providing a thriving Christian presence which supports the needs of the local community spiritually, physically and socially.

OUR COMMITMENT

The maintenance and running costs of both these beautiful buildings, of which we are privileged to be custodians, and the continued growth, need money as well as the voluntary and generous gifts of our time and talents. We need to contribute significantly to this and make it a significant part of our "giving" overall.

What is My Giving For?

It Costs

£98,000

To keep our churches open for you

Major repairs are not included in this

What are we doing?

Well it is not just about paying the heating bill!

- Family ministry
- Reaching out to those in need in our community and the wider world
- Supporting the life of the Church week by week

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

If we had to pay all our volunteers:

Church, Churchyard and Church Halls Gardeners, Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Sidesmen and women etc.

the estimated cost would be an extra £40,000 plus per year, based on minimum wage.

Where is My Giving Spent?

Where does our income come from?

Mainly from voluntary giving from people who come to Church.

- **60%** from committed giving, or from cash donations at services plus tax refunded through Gift Aid
- **31%** from fees for weddings, baptisms and funerals and the letting of our Church Hall
- **8%** from Fundraising Events
- **1%** from interest received on investments.

What do we spend it on?

- **£43000 Parish Share**- contribution to the Diocese to cover clergy stipend, housing, pensions and the running of Diocesan Office and Services.
- **£19500 Church Running Costs**- Insurance, Heating, Lighting, Administration, Support, Ministry Costs and upkeep of services.
- **£25000 Maintenance** of the building, organ and churchyard.
- **£8000 Church Hall running costs**
- **£2500 Wages for Organist, Pianist**