

In brief

Giving is part of life. We give presents to family and friends. We give our time to help other people. We give money to good causes.

Most of the money Christ Church needs to do God's work comes from giving by our congregation. There is no other magic source of income.

Please will you read this leaflet carefully, pray about what you will give, and fill in and return the promise card enclosed.

Thank you for your gift.

*'All things
come from you,
and of your own
do we give you.'*



Giving for God's Work



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CHRIST CHURCH
HOLY TRINITY
+ ST. JOHN'S +
TEAM
MINISTRY



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Facts and Figures

During 2012 we expect to spend from our general fund:

Diocesan Assessment	£30,000
Mission home and overseas giving	£3,000
Church and Hall running costs	£11,000
Staff costs	£8,000
Governance	£1,000
TOTAL	£53,000

which is **£1,000** per week

At present, if giving doesn't change we will receive in 2012:

From giving (including gift aid)	£31,000
From lettings	£15,000
Other	£1,000
TOTAL	£47,000

which is **£900** per week.

That makes a gap of

£6,000 in 2012

or £115 per week

We expect to be running a deficit of £2,500 in 2011, so that would make a total deficit of £8,500 by the end of 2012.

What can you do?

We would like *all of you* who belong to Christ Church to **consider carefully what you will give** to God's work through your church in 2012.

The Church of England recommends that its members contribute 5% of your income after tax to the church - and another 5% to other charitable causes. However, even if you can't give that much every little helps.

Once you've decided, **please tell us what you will give**. You can do this using the promise card enclosed with this leaflet. If you pay income tax, please fill in the Gift Aid declaration so we can reclaim the tax you've already paid. If you wish to give by standing order, please also complete the Standing Order form

If you've never been part of the giving scheme before, now is the time to join.

It's easy to put it off, or leave this leaflet in a 'to do' pile. But filling in the card today is a sign that you want to be a part of God's work in our parish and world.

FAQs

What does the church do with the money it receives?

The biggest expense for the church is the payment of our parish share to the Diocese. There are also the usual costs in running the church such as insurance, gas, electricity, music leader etc However, even taking into account the money we receive from letting out the hall, our current income does not cover our expenditure.

There are also additional costs for which we have special funds, for example the fund to pay for improvements to the church building, including the wall at the front of the church grounds.

Doesn't the church get money from the government?

No, the church receives no money from the government (except the tax we reclaim on your gifts). The church relies entirely on its members to support its ministry.

We give the Diocese a lot of money. What is this used for?

The vast majority of it goes to pay and house clergy—including our own Team Rector and Team Vicar. The amount we pay is determined by the Diocese according to the size and the average income of our congregation. This ensures that wealthier churches in the Diocese support those that are relatively poorer.

How does the Merton Priory Team Ministry affect our finances?

Each DCC within the Team continues to manage its own finances. Certain areas of common expenditure are shared across the three churches in accordance with the funding ratio that was agreed when the Team was established (which is 4:1:1; HT:CC:StJ).

Where can I find out more?

If you've got any more questions please contact:

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