

WHAT ARE WE ASKING FOR?

- If you are new to St. John's please consider giving regularly through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)
- Current regular givers, please review your Giving and join PGS
- Please complete and return the enclosed Pledge card to the red box in the Lady Chapel
- Volunteer your time to help with the numerous tasks needed to keep St. John's running
- Please consider leaving a Legacy to St John's.

WHY GIVE REGULARLY?

With around 100 regular worshippers each month. If everyone increased their giving by £2.50 per week (£10 per month), we could maintain St. John's, continue spreading our ministry with the community around us. With more generosity there is so much more we could do, to share Christ in our community.

GOALS

80% of our current Giving comes from 15 households! We recognise that not everyone is able to give the same, but it is important that the financial burden is shared as widely and fairly as possible.

We are called as Christians to live generously, allowing everyone to meet Jesus in our actions not just our words.

The bible teaches PROPORTIONATE GIVING – giving back to God a percentage of your income. The Church of England challenges us to give 5% to our church, and 5% to charity. As a rough rule of thumb: 5% = £1 per week for every £1,000 of annual income. So, 5% of an income of £10,000 = £10 per week. In comparison, a cup of coffee costs around £3.50 and a Netflix subscription is £18 a month.

We are aiming to fill our deficit gap with a combination of 5 new regular givers and increases from current givers.

LEGACIES - A LASTING GIFT

St John's welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to steward your gift faithfully in support of our parish's work. A gift can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep St. John's alive, and transform its future and those around it.

We have been fortunate to receive such generous gifts in the past: funds from legacies have been used to purchase a stair-lift improving accessibility to everyone. Recently legacy gifts have provided 'seed' money to enable St. John's Restore Project to start.

We encourage every adult church member to:

- Make a will and review it regularly. The Church of England has partnered with Farewill (<https://farewill.com/cofe-web>) to offer a FREE will writing service you can do from home.
- Alternatively you can find a local solicitor using the [Law Society Website](#).
- Consider leaving a gift to St John's. Charitable gifts can reduce the taxable amount of your estate.

If you have any questions on Stewardship or Legacies, please ask Jane Bransgrove or Richard Burkett or email our Stewardship/ Legacy Officer Jane Bransgrove at: (stewardship@stjohnsoldmalden.org.uk)

A very BIG thank you to all of you who have supported us in the past and also to those who can do so now!

With your continued support in regular and increased giving, our aspirations and the long-term future of St. John's will be sustainable.

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St John's is our Church family where we meet to worship together and support one another. Many thanks to those who have supported us in the past. We believe our future is within the next generation as we help them grow in the faith we share.



OUR VISION FOR 2027

To be a thriving community, open to all with a warm welcome full of the light, love, and bringing God to our community; so we all can thrive!

Continuing to be at the heart of our community with:

- Serving through worship, the bereavement café, reading group, Dementia Care group and other activities
- Progressing The Nature with Wild Tolworth
- Installing a new Fire Alarm System for the Extension
- Working towards Silver level in the A Rocha Eco Church project
- Supporting Franklyn Barrington financially in his training to be a Reader.



We are delighted that the Restoration Project has started with repairs to the Tower.

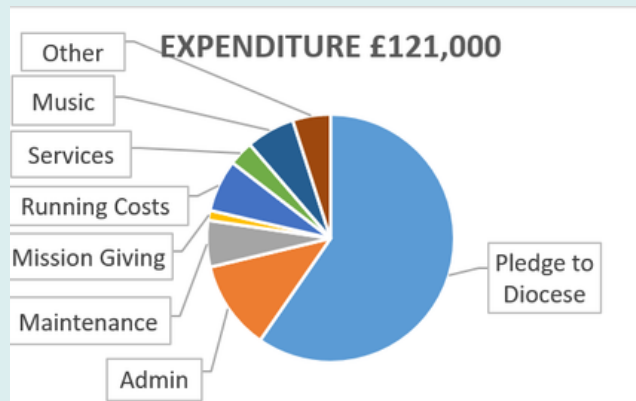
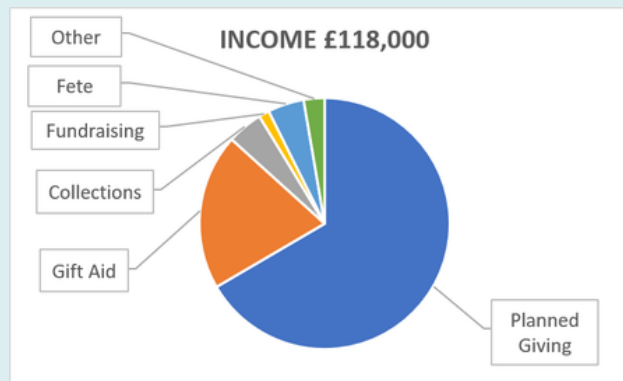
Whilst the receipt of a grant from the National Lottery will pay for much of the building works, it sadly will not cover all the work needed, as well as the monthly running costs for St John's.

Through 2025/26 we unfortunately lost 9 planned givers who collectively contributed £455 every month.

2027 RUNNING COSTS FOR ST. JOHN'S ?

As a church in the Diocese of Southwark, we contribute to the Parish Support Fund (PSF) which ensures ministry and mission in every parish. This includes Stipend and housing costs, training, and enabling functions (eg; safeguarding) which are £97,200 per year (roughly £8,100 per month). We currently contribute £6,000 per month, but our goal is that we will be able to cover our full costs in time.

Churches get **NO** state funding, the costs are **OUR** responsibility and whilst we are grateful that your Giving covers the 74% contribution to the PSF costs, with increased running overheads we estimate our 2027 expenditure will rise to £121,000. So, with £118,000 income we need to find £3,000 to simply balance the books.



SO HOW DOES PGS WORK?

Please consider giving to St. John's through the **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**.

This ensures that your giving is consistent and that Gift Aid is collected efficiently each month, which improves cash flow for St. John's.

PGS is completely free to St John's which means no bank charges and we get your donation and Gift Aid in whole.

It is easy to set up, please use the link below, to the PGS website:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/malden-st-john-the-baptist-kingston-upon-thames>

Our PGS number is: **370637139**

You can also call: 0333 002 1271

Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm. It normally takes around 10 minutes to set up over the phone.

There is the ability to annually increase gifts by the rate of inflation and we would encourage you to tick this section to be notified about this.

Hard copies of the PGS form are available in Church near the Stewardship notice board or, please speak to Jane or Richard for help.

