

New Parish Giving Scheme

We are writing to you firstly to tell you that although we have been in lockdown for almost a year, we have great plans for the future once we are able to meet and worship together, Messy Church open air services and other exciting ideas being developed by our outreach group.

For this we will need a steady income which at present we have not had from our service collections during the lockdown. On the recommendation of the Diocese, we are adopting a new direct debit Parish Giving Scheme and it would be helpful if you would be willing to adopt this method of donating as it has several advantages over the green envelopes and direct debits for both you and us:

- You can remain anonymous if you wish but the church can still claim the Gift Aid
- You can choose to have an automatic inflationary uplift, which saves you thinking about your donations annually
- It will enable us to plan with confidence our financial outlook
- PGS will automatically claim Gift Aid on our behalf and we will receive this monthly, thus helping with our cashflow

Frequently Asked Questions about the Parish Giving Scheme

How does PGS help givers?

PGS offers givers a convenient and secure method of making their regular donations to their local church by Direct Debit. Givers may have their donation automatically uplifted by inflation each year if they so choose. Also, givers can remain anonymous to their local churches if they prefer.

Are some givers scared of Direct Debits?

Yes – and we need to overcome this fear! Givers are protected by the Direct Debit Guarantee which makes it a very safe system, safer than other forms of giving. More information is available on the website www.directdebit.co.uk or www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk (search for 'direct debit').

How does it help PCC Treasurers?

PGS remits money directly to the local church's bank account on the 10th of each month. The amount remitted is the total for all the PGS givers in the congregation. The Treasurer receives a report showing names and amounts for each donation, except where the donor has chosen to remain anonymous (see example report below). A payment with the gift aid from the donations is then given to the church a few days later.

If you would like to join or would like more information, contact Chris (Churchwarden) or Julie Carpenter PGS (Administrator) on 01865820885 julie.woodlyn@gmail.com