

## our choices

Our church planned giving scheme has 70 members.

*Is it time to join the envelope scheme or move to a Standing Order or a Direct Debit?*

The Gift Aid scheme has **59** tax payers contributing.

*Is it time to join?*

Giving to God's work through the church should be a priority.

*Is it time to increase?*

There are a number of people giving proportionately as the bible teaches.

*Is it time to give a percentage of what we receive?*

Proportionate giving table				
Weekly income	Giving (£)			
	1%	2%	5%	10%
£150	1.50	3	7.50	15
£250	2.50	5	12.50	25
£500	5.50	10	25.00	50

Our aim is to meet current expenditure from giving and income, each week we will need:

£1340 from regular congregational giving  
 £355 from HMRC for Gift Aided giving and donations  
 £120 from fees: weddings, funerals etc  
 £1086 from the hall, our fundraising and other income streams

**Thank you for helping to make this happen!**

## how much?

**How do we decide how much to give?**

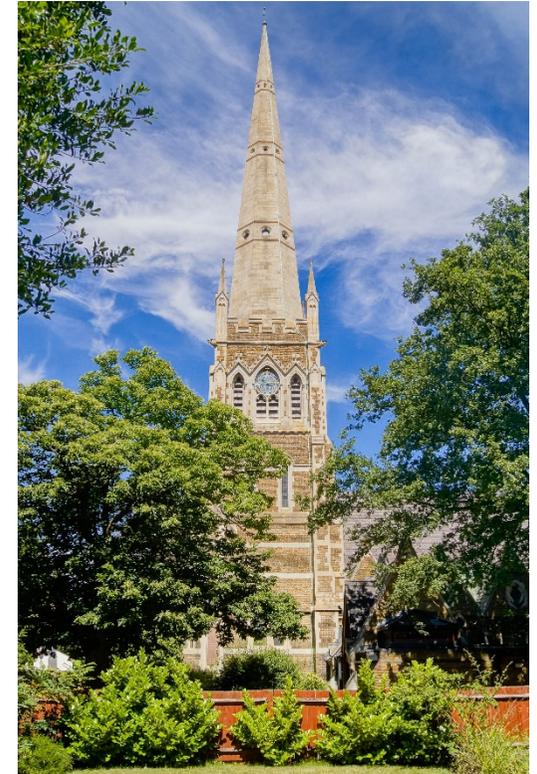
There is no one, easy answer for everyone. We are called to love God and our neighbour and our giving is an expression of that love.

This leaflet gives some guidance and there are very practical things we can do:

- ✿ **increase** our giving to meet our church's needs
- ✿ **join** the planned giving scheme with weekly envelopes, a standing order or a Direct Debit and **optimise** our giving using Gift Aid if we pay tax
- ✿ **make a legacy gift** when we plan for the future of those we love and care for
- ✿ **give proportionately** - a percentage of our income given to fund ministry

But at the end of the day how much to give is a thoughtful, prayerful decision only you can make. Love is generous, love is kind and love is selfless - we see that in all God gives to us; how will we respond?

## St James's Church Hampton Hill



OUR VISION  
 OUR CHURCH  
 OUR CHALLENGE  
 MY CHOICE

**Giving  
in Grace**

2018

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*This is a ministry for everyone –  
'each according to your means'  
2 Cor 8:11*

## our vision

In the coming year we hope to

- Launch an activity-based midweek group for older people
- Run a course for enquirers
- Put on a holiday club for children
- Refurbish the hall
- Put on more special services  
e.g. Choral Evensongs
- Develop further the new 11.00 service
- Extend the circulation of the Spire
- Begin new initiatives to reach families
- Implement work on the building as required by the Quinquennial Inspection
- Develop the partnership with our neighbouring churches

**To fulfil this vision,**

**each week we will spend:**

- £1846 on our share of clergy costs: stipend, housing, training etc
- £500 on our buildings: insurance, heat, light etc
- £230 on worship and ministry: for our congregation and wider community, including our hall
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## our church

Our giving sustains our church **building**, a sacred place dedicated to worship, prayer and witness.

Our giving sustains our **clergy**, here and across our diocese and helps train new clergy.

Our giving sustains our **ministry**, measured by every:

- ✚ sick person visited
- ✚ school assembly taken
- ✚ bereaved family comforted
- ✚ baptism celebrated
- ✚ family welcomed to the Ark
- ✚ sermon preached
- ✚ Eucharist celebrated
- ✚ community group that uses our premises
- ✚ person who reads the Spire Magazine or the website
- ✚ person shown the love of Christ through our care, comfort and compassion

Our giving sustains **mission** here in our local community. But we will support by fund-raising other ministries in this country and overseas. As our giving increases we hope to extend the direct financial support we can give as a church.

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*This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgivings to God*

2 Cor 9:12

## our challenge

To cultivate what St Paul calls the **grace of giving** we need to think carefully about all we receive from God and prayerfully review our giving.

Our church needs just over £3,000 per week in 2017 to sustain our building and clergy, our **ministry and mission**. That is an increase of £290 per week compared with last year.

To bridge our income gap and for our ministry to flourish we need the **grace of giving**.

The following table gives an example of how we can achieve this:

This many people	increasing weekly giving by	equals this much extra income
5	1.00	5.00
15	2.00	30.00
15	2.50	37.50
15	3.50	52.50
7	5.00	35.00
To meet our weekly target of		£165

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