

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 clear guidance and there are very practical things we can do:

- ✿ **increase** our giving to meet our church's needs
- ✿ **join** the other planned givers at St Mary's, through the Parish Giving Scheme or with weekly or monthly envelopes
- ✿ **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?

What next?

If you would like to discuss giving to St Mary's with our stewardship recorder or another member of the treasury team, or to find out more about any aspect of life at St Mary's, please contact the Parish Office by telephone on 020 8393 2643 or by email at parishoffice@stmarysewell.com

our vision

In the coming year we hope to:

- focus on the **8+** age group, with new services and youth groups
- build on **community involvement**, by supporting community activities and setting up a cafe for bereaved people to find support
- provide opportunities to **learn about the Christian faith** for congregation members and others
- and continue the wide range of services and activities that are a part of St Mary's life!

To fulfil this vision, each week this year we will spend:

- £1480 on our share of clergy costs: stipend, housing, training etc
- £280 on worship and ministry: for our congregation and wider community
- £580 on administration and support costs
- £540 on our building: insurance, heat, light etc, including our hall

each week this year we will need:

- £1890 from regular congregational giving
- £230 from HMRC for Gift Aided giving and donations
- £190 from fees: weddings, funerals etc
- £570 from hall rentals, Ewell Village Fair, EPN, fundraising and other income streams

Thank you for helping to make this happen!



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our church

In our community, we are blessed to have a beautiful parish church and churchyard, loved and cared for through the generations. Our church serves the needs of our regular congregations, and also our wider community. In the past year, we thank God that we have been able to provide:

- 3 or 4 services each Sunday
- 39 baptisms and 7 confirmations
- 13 weddings
- 12 funerals in church and many more at local crematoria and cemeteries
- monthly services in 3 local care homes
- visits to the elderly, sick, and bereaved, including Holy Communion to the housebound
- school assemblies weekly
- 5 weekly toddlers' & children's groups
- Christmas services attended by over 1100 people
- three "Pilgrim Course" groups
- social events, a programme of organ recitals, and a 'Day for all'
- a flourishing music tradition
- Ewell Village Fair attended by 2000 people
- hall facilities available to the whole community
- a well-maintained church and churchyard

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

2 Cor 9:12

our challenge

Even though we have a large and historic church, we manage to keep our expenditure below average for churches in our area, thanks to the hard work of a large number of volunteers.

Nevertheless, we expect our church to need over **£2800 per week** in 2016 to sustain our building and clergy, our ministry and mission.

Fees and fundraising activities raise a third of what we need. To bridge our income gap and for our ministry to flourish we need the grace of giving. Our target is an **increase** of £2000 per month.

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

This many people	increasing monthly giving by	equals this much extra income
6	£5	£30
8	£10	£80
12	£20	£240
15	£40	£600
5	£50	£250
5	£60	£300
Total increased giving		£1500
In addition, if new givers give a total of		£500
We reach our target of		£2000

our choices

84 people are currently planned givers to St Mary's, and we hope this number will rise in line with the recent increases to Sunday attendance. Planned giving allows St Mary's to make a budget for the year. Amounts given are confidential to the stewardship recorder.

Many people are now giving to St Mary's through the new "Parish Giving Scheme", administered nationally, which works like other standing orders or Direct Debits. It is very easy to set up.

Other people find that a supply of weekly or monthly numbered envelopes works best for them.

Is it time to join the envelope scheme or the new Parish Giving Scheme?

Many people consider giving to God's work through the church is a priority.

Is it time to increase?

Across the Church of England, members give on average 3.3% (one thirtieth) of their income to their local church.

Proportionate giving table				
Annual income	Monthly Giving (£)			
	1%	3.3%	5%	10%
£7,500	£6	£21	£31	£63
£15,000	£13	£41	£63	£125
£30,000	£25	£83	£125	£250
£45,000	£38	£124	£188	£375
£60,000	£50	£165	£250	£500