

## HOW TO GIVE

There are many different ways of giving to the stewardship scheme but one common theme—we ask you to make a pledge stating what you hope to give during each year.

People's circumstances do change, and we recognise that some people cannot give regularly each week or month, but there is sure to be a method that suits you. If you need advice, please talk to the stewardship recorder.

### The Gift Aid scheme

If you are a UK taxpayer then we can claim back the basic rate tax you have paid on your giving, regardless of the method you choose. This is a vitally important income! All you have to do is complete the Gift Aid declaration with your pledge, and leave the rest to us.

### Bank Standing Order

This is probably the easiest for most people, and is certainly least work to administer. Simply fill in the pledge and standing order forms and we will do the rest. If you want to change your contribution then please fill in a new pledge and standing order form and let the stewardship recorder have it.

### Charities Aid Foundation, Payroll Giving etc.

There are various tax efficient giving schemes. These may be helpful if you are a higher rate tax-payer as the Gift Aid system only reclaims basic rate tax. Again, please contact the stewardship recorder.

### Stewardship envelopes

If a standing order is not suitable, you can put your regular donation – cash or cheque — in an envelope into the collection plate. The stewardship recorder can give you envelopes with your personal stewardship number—one for every Sunday, so it's easy to keep track.

### Collection plate

Even if you cannot pledge to give regularly then don't forget that if you are a UK taxpayer, any money you give to St Gabriel's is eligible for the Gift Aid scheme—just use one of the Gift Aid envelopes in the pews, but please remember to fill in the details on the front, or we cannot make the claim.

### Legacy Giving

One other way of giving is to leave a legacy to the church in your will. We can offer advice on this if required.



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

## GIVING TO THE CHURCH

Stewardship giving is simply the act of pledging money to a church to assist in its life and work.

This brochure is about contributing to the stewardship giving scheme at St Gabriel's church, Pimlico.

### Church Income

It is a common belief that the Church of England is supported as a public service by the Government.

In fact St Gabriel's has to raise all of its running costs by its own efforts.

Being in central London we do have a valuable site and we can make this site work for us to provide income for the church.

The income generated from the hire of the church and hall for concerts, talks, meetings, exhibitions and so forth make a valuable contribution.

These incomes are important, but donations are also vital to the work of the church.

### Expenditure

All of our income is needed. We do not have a surplus or large reserves to draw upon.

The PCC are committed to developing the ministry of the Parish, meeting our Common Fund commitment to the Diocese of London (which is the cost of one priest serving the Parish), as well as

restoring and maintaining the fabric of our beautiful building.

### Balancing the books

In most years the budget is tight, but it seems that it will only get tighter.

The spending recession means that our income may be down, whilst at the same time we are facing increasing costs.

- We need to urgently install more lavatories and access for the disabled.
- Repair, redecorate, and refurbish the interior and exterior of the church
- The organ needs a major overhaul as well as repairing the plaster work in church and redecorating, restoring the flooring, developing the crypt space, restoring damaged and weathered masonry.
- Energy costs are going to increase as we try to keep the church warm and welcoming.
- Increased costs in resourcing the people for Christian life and worship.
- We now employ an Administrator to share the increased workload involved in running the parish.

This is why we ask you to consider your stewardship giving, to help our church community here in Pimlico to grow and flourish.

### PCC Strategy

The PCC have identified some areas for improvement:

- Increase the worshipping and prayer life of the church, review of the pattern of services and the possibility of the church being open for prayer.
- Strengthen pastoral care
- Offer Bible study, Christian nurture courses and pilgrimage.
- Promote the social life of the parish so that we can know one another better.
- Expand activities and worship opportunities for children and young people.
- Develop the church as a community facility and resource, providing a meeting and cultural space.
- Manage better our church building and gardens as a place of physical and spiritual rest.
- Restore and renovate our buildings.