

HOW SHOULD WE GIVE?

Gratefully

Stewardship starts by recognising that all we have comes from God and that we are responsible for using our time, talents and money according to His will. Grasping how Christ ransomed, healed, restored and forgave us should transform our lives and giving.

Sacrificially

In contrast to the Old Testament requirement of a tithe of 10% of income, the New Testament focuses more on our attitude than the amount. Some may be able to give more than 10%, others considerably less.

Joyfully

The Macedonian Church is commended in the Bible because *'in severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity'* (2 Cor 8). Our living expenses vary hugely at different stages of our life, but God longs for us to have the privilege of giving and to do so cheerfully, recognising that all that we have comes from him in the first place.

Intentionally

It is good to be deliberate, giving of the firstfruits rather than what is left over. Setting up a monthly, quarterly or annual standing order can be a good way both to help us get into good habits and to enable Christ Church to plan for the future.

Responsibly

If you pay income tax, please do give tax efficiently so that Christ Church can reclaim an extra 25p on every £1 donated. You can make a gift aid declaration when you notify us of your donation at www.christchurchkensington.com/resources/money

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9.7*

HOW CAN WE GIVE?

To set up regular gifts

www.christchurchkensington.com/resources/money
or ask Adele for a paper form to complete (see contact details below)

Our bank details are

PCC of Christ Church Kensington
50-30-10
03313301

To commit to leaving a legacy to Christ Church

contact Mark or Adele for advice

To see more detail regarding the church accounts

email treasurer@christchurchkensington.com



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GIVING FOR 2019

CHRIST CHURCH IS AN ACTIVE PARISH
CHURCH, MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE TO
MANY PEOPLE'S LIVES THROUGH GOD'S
LOVE IN CHRIST.

*"Thou that hast given so much to me,
give one thing more, a grateful heart."
George Herbert*

DEAR MEMBER OF CHRIST CHURCH

We are grateful to all who gave so generously and sacrificially in 2018, enabling our gospel ministry to grow and our running costs to be met.

Giving to Christ Church is a tangible way in which we demonstrate our gratitude to God. Everyone's life situation is different but God gives us life and breath and everything. Christians rejoice that God gives us Christ and, because of his death and resurrection, forgiveness and eternal life. Therefore, although there are many good causes to support, giving to Christ Church is investing in eternity and a real response to God's grace in Christ.

We aim to make the very best use of our building in order to support the funding of our gospel ministry. We let many groups use the building, including Thomas's School, a local nursery and French and Japanese congregations, which together provide more than £75,000 of our annual income.

Christ Church has benefitted historically from generous external donors to enable us to build up a ministry team until we were in a position to support them fully. There are currently four members of staff supported by such donors and are thus able to give a lot more time to Christ Church. After lengthy discussions, the Standing Committee and the PCC believe that it is now time for these staff members to be supported by the church so as to reflect the true cost of ministry. Therefore, in 2019, three of them will move fully on to Christ Church's cost base. This will enable the external donors to offer support to new planned roles.

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9*

THE NEEDS FOR 2019

The Budget for 2019 is based on costs of £422,790 including the absorbed costs of existing staff

Services, Choir & Music	£18,000
Diocesan Parish Contributions (£34,400 Clergy Costs and £28,400 to Diocese Training & Support)	£62,800
Donations to other charitable trusts	£2,000
Christ Church Mission & Ministry expenses (eg Hospitality, publicity, books, staff training, weekends away)	£45,970
Staff: Admin Salaries	£39,450
Staff: Children & Families', Sunday Evening, Students & Music	£126,050
Staff: Vicar & Curate (Housing, Stipend & expenses)	£71,850
Church Building Maintenance (Annual projects, day to day & cleaning)	£22,908
Depreciation & Insurance	£9,100
Gardening	£8,462
Office Support (Software Tools, Stationary, Bank Charges, Accountancy Fees)	£7,200
Utilities	£9,000
TOTAL	£422,790

Based on the income received in 2018, and existing arrangements, we are projecting income for 2019 of £365,190

Planned Giving (Monthly/Annual)	£155,000
Collections	£28,000
One-Off Gifts	£30,000
Gift Aid	£29,250
Donations (Weddings, Funerals, Summer Bazaar, Garden Party & Coffee Morning)	£16,600
Income from Church Activities	£30,500
Income from Rentals	£75,840
TOTAL	£365,190

As things stand, we project a £57,600 deficit in 2019 and are asking our church family prayerfully to consider their financial support.

- **If you give by standing order, might you be able to increase your giving?**
- **If you do not plan your giving, might you consider doing so or at least a portion of it?**
- **If you have not started giving to Christ Church, could you consider doing so?**

£57,600 sounds like a lot, but it could be raised by way of illustration as follows:

1 new giver x £10,000	£10,000
2 current givers donating £5k as additional lump sum	£10,000
2 new & 2 current donors giving/ increasing their gift by £200 per month	£9,600
3 new & 4 current donors giving/ increasing their gift by £100 per month	£8,400
6 new & 6 current donors giving/ increasing their gift by £50 per month	£7,200
10 new & 10 current donors giving/ increasing their gift by £25 per month	£6,000
10 new & 10 current donors giving/ increasing their gift by £20 per month	£4,800
7 new & 7 current donors giving/ increasing their gift by £10 per month	£1,680
TOTAL	£57,680

If donations were made tax-efficiently the amount needing to be raised would decrease.

*"Not thankful, when it pleaseth me; As if thy blessings had spare days: But such a heart, whose pulse may be Thy praise."
George Herbert*