



Financial Stewardship

Our Mission: "To know Jesus and make Jesus known"

Our purpose as a Church is to win people to Christ, build them in the faith and send them out in mission for the glory of God and the extension of his kingdom. This is the heartbeat of our 2020 Vision and Five Year Plan. To achieve God's purposes we need your regular and tax-efficient financial support. Through your tithes and offerings and those of other members of God's family here at Christ Church we will be able to, advance our Mission, achieve our Five Year Plan and, God willing, fulfil our 2020 Vision.

"Go and make disciples of all nations" Matthew 28:19

Why should I give?

Giving demonstrates commitment

We give our time and our money to the things which we care about; if we are committed to the Lord's work we will support it practically and financially as well.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Luke 12:34

Principles of Biblical Giving

God is the Owner

Giving 10% of your income, a tithe, was an Old Testament principle. Whilst we may find 10% as a useful starting point, we should remember that in the New Testament there is no 'quota', rather:

"No-one claimed that any of his possessions was his own." Acts 4:32

God is Our Provider

As we seek God, He will provide for all our needs (Matthew 6:33). No matter how much we give, we can't out-give God!

"Whoever sows generously will also reap generously" 2 Corinthians 9:6

Giving is for Our Benefit

God declares that He doesn't need our resources because everything is already His (Psalm 50:12). Giving is actually for our benefit not God's. Hoarding wealth will have a negative impact on our life.

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." 1 Timothy 6:10

Giving is Sacrificial Worship

Worship that costs us nothing is not true worship.

"I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."
2 Samuel 24:24

Giving should be Cheerful

Whatever we give God wants us to do so cheerfully, not out of compulsion but out of the overflow of our hearts, as our response to God's grace.

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7

How much is needed in 2015?



We have resisted any significant increase in the General Fund expenditure budget for the last three years in recognition of the difficult financial climate but, with the recruitment of Simon as our Associate Vicar and associated stipend and accommodation costs, 2015's budget represents an increase of 11% over 2014's. We have also seen some donor losses and giving reductions in 2014 and will enter 2015 with a projected gap of £87,589 between income and expenditure. God willing

and through careful cost-management and your generous support we will be able to bridge the gap and advance our Kingdom-extending work.

How can I give?

Intentionally and proportionately

Giving on a planned and regular basis in proportion to our income is biblical and helps us to plan our expenditure and investment in ministry. Monthly giving by Bankers Standing Order (see page 6) or electronic bank transfer is ideal for us but quarterly or annual donations may suit your situation better.

Directly

Your company may operate "Give as You Earn" so that your giving is managed via the company payroll i.e. deducted, gross, at source.

Tax-efficiently

If you are a UK taxpayer, we can reclaim tax on your giving; see below.

Gift Aid?

Charities like Christ Church are able to reclaim tax on all donations we receive from you if you are a UK taxpayer. This equates to 25% of the gift you give us out of your taxed income. So, for every £100 you give us using this scheme, we can reclaim another £25 at no cost to you. All we need from you is a completed Gift Aid declaration (see page 5).

If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim a rebate on all your charitable gifts through your Self-Assessment tax Return. This enables you to give £1 to the Church at a net cost of only 60p to your take-home pay.

What about confidentiality?

Only you, our Church Finance Team (Colin Rye, Rob Humphreys and Angela Suttie), our Gift Aid secretary (Ron Butler) and our Auditors have access to information about how much and by what means you have pledged to give. They, of course, will keep your pledge and giving confidential.

Where will your tithe be invested?

Mission Partner Support



Our Mission budget supports Stephen's international ministry and 11 other Mission Partners. It also provides a contingency from which we respond to specific needs during the year. It is calculated as a tithe-and-a-half (15%) of 2014 giving income. Budget **£74,394**

Parish Share



Each Parish pays a share of the Guildford Diocesan budget. From this the Diocese then provides a range of central support services. It also pays clergy stipends, funds the provision of clergy accommodation and meets the costs of Curates-in-training posts across the Diocese. Our share in 2015 will be **£143,392**

Adult Ministry



Monies are required to support the development of our Adult Ministries; Simon's stipend, evangelism, training courses, small groups, etc. Some costs are recovered through monies received for training materials and refreshments. We have budgeted **£72,424**

Student Ministry



Student Ministry monies fund campus outreach including Freshers Week, literature, hospitality, occasional Retreats and transportation costs. They also meet Peter's salary, accommodation costs and expenses. The 2015 budget is **£89,277**

Youth Ministry



We have over 40 teenagers regularly participating in our thriving Youth Ministry. Investing in their growth through weekly activities and special events and paying Beth's salary and accommodation costs in 2015 will cost **£45,858** or just £22 per week per teenager.

Children's Ministry



Our Children's Ministry activities include our Sunday Clubs, School Lunch Clubs, two weekly Parent & Toddler groups and activities such as the Summer Holiday Bible Club and Praise Parties. Total costs in 2015, including Ministry team salaries, will be around **£36,983**

Church Management



Colin, Penny, Lesley, Angela, Annette and Steve assisted by wonderful volunteers, manage the day-to-day administration, operations and financial affairs of the Church and strive to make it a safe and welcoming environment for ministry and other activities. Costs in 2015 will amount to **£98,868**

Running Costs, Parish Magazine and other expenses



These include gas, electricity, water, insurance, maintenance, cleaning, minibus, etc. Our Connection Magazine is distributed to 2,900 homes every month and is largely recovered in advertising revenue. Total 2015 operating costs will amount to **£78,785**

Banker's Order

To _____ Bank PLC
of _____

*Name and address
of your bank
in capital letters*

Please pay to BARCLAYS BANK PLC Virginia Water for the credit of
'The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Virginia Water'

Account Name: Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical
Parish of Christ Church Virginia Water

Account number: 00906263

Bank Sort Code 20-02-53

The sum of

Amount in words

£ _____

*Amount in figures
Insert amount you
wish to pay each...
Month / Quarter /
Year*

Monthly

Quarterly

Annually

Delete and Initial

INAPPLICABLE lines

starting on the _____ day of _____ (month) 20____ (year)

This is superseded any previous banker's order I have with the above
mentioned Parochial Church Council.

*Delete and initial if
inapplicable*

*Date when payments
are to start must be
on or after the date
shown here*

Signed _____ Date _____

Your BANK SORT CODE _____

Your ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

Your ACCOUNT NAME _____

Your HOME ADDRESS _____

Gift Aid Declaration for Regular Giving

Name of Charity: **THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL
PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH VIRGINIA WATER**

Registered charity number: 1128275

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made (tick all boxes you wish to apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> In the past 4 years	<input type="checkbox"/> In the past four years	<input type="checkbox"/> In the future
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I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and / or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount that all the charities (including churches) or Community Association Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give. I consent to my details being held on computer for Christ Church's administration and accounting of my donations.

DONOR DETAILS Please print clearly and complete all boxes	
Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, etc):	
First name(s):	Surname:
Full home address:	
Postcode:	
Signature:	Date:

NOTES

1. Please notify the church / charity if you:
 - Want to cancel this declaration.
 - Change your name or home address.
 - No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax. Basic rate tax is currently 20% which currently allows charities to reclaim 25 pence on the pound.
2. Higher rate taxpayers can claim back the difference between basic rate and higher rate or additional tax. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.
3. Christ Church will regard your donations and declaration as confidential.