

PLANNED GIVING

Encounter God, Encourage Others, Engage Our World



*'All things come from you, and of your own do we give you'
Common Worship from 1 Chronicles 29:14*

THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

Parish churches are obliged to maintain and upgrade their churches as necessary and contribute to the Diocese through the 'Parish Share' which funds maintenance of The Vicarage and the Vicar's stipend. All this is before paying their office and ancillary staff, office equipment and supplies, books, IT and audio -visual equipment, heating, lighting, water bills, and other sundry expenses. With three old churches, two of which are listed buildings, our expenses are large. Currently we have a huge backlog of work (in excess of £150,000) for essential maintenance on our buildings. We will also have to replace six gas and oil-fired boilers by the 2030 zero emissions target date.

THE NEED FOR PLANNED GIVING

Your support can secure our ability to serve our Chalfont St Peter community through worship, service and outreach. As we continue to build on our green shoots of recovery we are looking towards the future and how we can provide for all age groups. A monthly gift of £50 helps to sustain what we currently do, £150-£300 monthly would enable us to fund our growth as a church.

DECIDING HOW MUCH TO GIVE

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'
2 Corinthian 9:7*

Our giving reflects our willingness and ability to give. The Church of England recommends 5% of post-tax income, but individual circumstances vary and giving is a matter for personal, and prayerful consideration. Some people might choose to calculate on a proportion of pre-tax or post-tax income, or on a proportion of their disposable income. Some will decide based on other factors. Some will make additional one-off gifts if they have enjoyed financial good fortune – a rise, a bonus, a legacy. It is also important that we review our giving from time to time, preferably annually, or as our own or the church's circumstance change.

HOW TO GIVE

Giving is now easier, through the 'Donate' button on the website (<http://csp.church/>), or by downloading the necessary forms from the website or picking up hard copies from the office or one of our churches.