

St Mary's Church Gift Day Pledge Form 2023

If you are a taxpayer, unless you are giving through the Parish Giving Scheme (who collect Gift Aid for us), please complete the Gift Aid Declaration **AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE**. This will enable us to claim an additional 25% of the value of your gift from the Government which will be allocated pro rata to your selected projects.

Name: _____

Ministry	Monthly Pledge	One-off Gift
Children & Families	£ _____	£ _____
Youth	£ _____	£ _____
Clergy & Worship	£ _____	£ _____
General Admin and Fabric	£ _____	£ _____
Utilities	£ _____	£ _____
Any of the above	£ _____	£ _____

Also, please tick **ONE** of the boxes below.

In the event of a particular ministry being adequately funded:

I would like my donation to be split across all ministries

OR

I would still like my donation to go only to my chosen ministry

Declaration: I want to Gift Aid my donation to St Mary's Church

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Name of taxpayer: _____

Address: _____

Postcode _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Living In God's Love – Living Out God's Love



Sunday 16th July 2023

We have so much to be thankful for when we compare ourselves to others around the world. Our Gift Day creates an opportunity for us to make a special gift over and above our regular giving. It reminds us emphatically of God's outpouring of generosity into our lives, and offers us a chance to respond through our own generosity.

Because St Mary's has such an amazing track-record of that kind of generosity, previous Gift Days have enabled us, among other things, to appoint a Youth Pastor, a Children's and Families Pastor, to support life-changing mission overseas, to redevelop our Parish Rooms, and to refurbish our sound and AV systems. Our last Gift Day was in October 2020 when, with a particular focus on *Living Out God's Love*, we again saw what an incredible difference a Gift Day can make: as a church family we gave or pledged over £320,000 to kick-start our Building to Serve Campaign. This meant we could forge ahead with the redevelopment of The Branch, install a new church boiler, and – we hope – may yet help towards the redevelopment of the church building itself.

We hadn't anticipated having a Gift Day this year, knowing that many of you committed to a 5-year plan of giving under the Building to Serve campaign. In recent months, though, a combination of the astronomical rise in energy costs and a smaller than predicted increase in this year's income have left us with a large hole to fill in our 2023 budget.

Because the needs that we are striving to serve as a church are constantly growing, and our ambition is undaunted, the PCC decided that rather than making radical cuts to our costs (a large part of which pay for our staffing), we would turn first to our church fellowship. We believe that this is the right thing to do to equip us to keep *Living In God's Love* and so we invite you to stand with us.

Please read on to find out more detail...

James Kennedy (Vicar)

Ministry Costs: Gift Day Target = £48,000

Each year, the church family's planned giving, along with a small amount of grant-funding, pays for our total ministry costs. Modelling our budget on the patterns we've seen in previous years, we try to anticipate the growth that God will bring and build a faith-stretch into our budget for the following year. In 2023, though, rather than closing the gap in the first half of the year, for the reasons I've mentioned, we've actually seen the gap widen. As a result, to continue with our core ministries and avoid having to face difficult decisions, we now need an additional £48,000 income before the year-end.

Some of you may feel particular affinities to support different aspects of our church life, while others may be willing to give to support, more generally, everything that the church is doing.

To help you understand where St Mary's core running costs go (excluding any mission or outreach expenses), you will find some illustrative summary figures below:

Children & Families Ministry: Annual cost = £34,000

Youth Ministry: Annual cost = £39,500

Clergy and Worship: Annual cost = £93,600

General Admin and Fabric = £59,500

Utilities = £17,000

Thank you for the many ways that you contribute already to the life of the church, whether that is through your financial giving, or through giving your time and skills.

As we seek to reach our target this year, though, please do pray carefully about how you may be able to respond to this Gift Day Appeal.

In preparation for our Gift Day, we are calling for a day of prayer and fasting on Tuesday 11th July. Please do join the PCC and Staff Team in that if you are able. One way you may like to do so would be to log in and join our daily Watch of Prayer at 6am or 6pm

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88489690256?pwd=RG85M1pPbGRn-bkhEaFVlKytCZmhTdZ09> - Meeting ID: 884 8969 0256, Passcode: SetAWatch).

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Please complete the form overleaf, seal it in a Gift Day envelope and place the envelope into the collection box or collection plate.

To action the pledge, whether you are making a new monthly pledge, an additional pledge above your existing committed giving, or a one-off gift, please choose one of the following options:

- i) if you already give through the Parish Giving Scheme, log in to your account online and make your pledged adjustment to your regular giving (<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/my-pgs/> - You may need to activate your account if you have not logged in before.)
- ii) if you don't yet, but would like to give through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), pick up, complete with your pledged regular or one-off amount and send in a new PGS application form [directing your giving to 'Chipping Norton St Mary', Parish Code 270627071] (forms available at the back of church, from the church office, or online <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/chipping-norton-st-mary-chipping-norton/>).
- iii) Write a cheque (made payable to St Mary's Church) or make a direct bank transfer (St Mary's Chipping Norton PCC: Sort code: 40-52-40 Acc no: 00027882).

The Church also accepts donations through Charity accounts such as CAF and Stewardship. More forms are available at the back of church, or from the Church Office. Please ask Erika for any help if you need it – finance@stmaryscnorton.com

Gifts will be handled in confidence by our Planned Giving Officer

Illustrations of how your giving could help us towards our target

The impact of a monthly donation over the remainder of the year, plus the additional value of your pledge that can be gained through Gift Aid.

Amount donated per month	Monthly donation + Gift Aid	Size of gift over 5 months	Number of donors	Total value of gifts
£200	£250	£1,250	2	£2,500
£150	£187.50	£937.50	4	£3,750
£120	£150	£750	8	£6,000
£100	£125	£625	10	£6,250
£80	£100	£500	15	£7,500
£60	£75	£375	25	£9,375
£40	£50	£250	30	£7,500
£20	£25	£125	41	£5,125
		Total	135	£48,000