



OUR CHURCH

Our giving sustains

The day to day running cost of our church building — it is a sacred place dedicated to worship, prayer and witness.

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Parish ministry, measured by every ill person visited, every confirmation course run, every assembly taken, every bereaved family comforted, every baptism celebrated, every young person taught about Jesus, every sermon preached, every service celebrated and every person shown the love of Christ through our care, comfort and compassion.

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Mission here in this diocese of St Albans, and via specific charities to which we give practical support through our ministry of giving.

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Parish clergy across the diocese and trains new clergy.

This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgivings to God

OUR CHALLENGE

To cultivate the grace of giving we need to think carefully about all we receive from God, consider our priorities, then carefully review our giving.

All Saints' Church needs an estimated £1400 per week in 2011 for its ministry of worship, witness, service and mission in the Parish and beyond.

In 2010 our weekly income was £1,058

In order to meet the expected shortfall this year and for this ministry to be adequately funded we need to grow in the grace of giving. The following table gives an example of how that might happen.

This many people	Increase weekly giving by	Equals this income each week.
25	£1.00	£25
25	£2.00	£50
24	£2.50	£60
23	£5.00	£115
5	£10.00	£50
102	Total	£300

A programme of challenge and renewal for members of All Saints' Church Croxley Green in 2011

OUR CHOICES

There are a number of people giving proportionately.

Is it time to give in proportion to what we receive?

Giving to God’s work through the church should be a priority.

Is it time to increase?

The church’s “standing order giving” has only six members.

Is it time to move to a monthly bank payment?

The Gift Aid scheme is a tax-efficient way of contributing.

Is it time to join?

Annual income after tax	Weekly giving based on percentage of Annual Income.			
	1% £	2% £	5%* £	10% £
£5,000	0.96	1.90	4.80	9.60
£15,000	2.90	5.80	14.50	29.00
£30,000	5.75	11.50	29.00	58.00
£45,000	8.60	17.20	43.00	86.00

* The Church of England suggest this level of giving.

**Last year in an average week we spent
£1,341**

£972 on our share of clergy stipend, housing, training and support costs.

£129 on our repairs, insurance, heat, light

£125 on the parish office and wages

£114 on worship and ministry costs to, and in, the community.

**Last year in an average week we received
£1,058**

£406 from pledged giving

£223 from donations, bequests, collections and service fees

£47 from the Father David Trust

£288 from QS4 for telephone mast rental

£93 from the autumn fair, jumble sales, fundraising efforts and the magazine

The Future

Over the next year or two we hope to deepen Christian Spirituality in our congregation, to reach out further to the missing generations in our church, to ensure our facilities are fit for purpose and to develop our links with third world and other charitable enterprises.

OUR DECISION

How much should I give?

There is no easy formula—we are commanded to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. It is no great sacrifice to put someone we love first!

But it requires a new set of priorities to put God and the ministry of his church first in our finances, as we do in our weekly worship, when we give the first day of the week to God in worship.

Love is generous, love is kind and love is selfless – we see that in all God gives to us; how will we respond?

- ◆ By giving proportionately with a percentage of our income coming to fund ministry.
- ◆ By increasing our giving.
- ◆ By joining the planned giving schemes.
- ◆ By using Gift Aid if we pay tax.

Please think and pray about your response.

Thank you for all you give.