



# Introduction

The Bible has a great deal to say about money, our attitude to it and what we do with it.

*“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”*

**2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NRSV)**

## Why give?

- **In response to God's grace** God has shown his great love for sinful and unworthy people like us in the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Having received such undeserved generosity we should be motivated to give generously in response. We are to be like God - not reluctant givers, but wanting to give generously from all that he has given us.
- **In recognition of God's gifts** God wants us to be generous – not just with our money but with our time, energy, skills, homes and possessions. If we have received God's abundant grace then we all have something to give. Sometimes these other things are harder to give than money.
- **In reaction to needs and priorities** The apostle Paul encourages the Corinthian Christians to give generously to a collection for other Christians in great poverty. God's priorities are that his people should come first in our giving: those who teach the word of God ( 1 Tim 5:17), those in need in our church (James 1:27, 1 Tim 5:8) and those in need in other churches (2 Cor 8-9). The needs are therefore both the local work of the Parish and further afield in the wider church.

## How we should give?

- **Abundantly** The apostle Paul stresses the abundant nature of God's giving towards us so that we may give abundantly in response. *God is able to make **all** grace abound to you, so that in **all** things at **all** times, having **all** that you need, you will abound in **every** good work.* The Old Testament commanded a tithe (10% of income). The New Testament is far more radical: we are to be generous givers of all we have. Some will give far more than 10% of their income, others less.
- **Thoughtfully** *Each of you must give as you have made up your mind.* We need to think carefully about what we have been given, what our responsibilities are and how we can give money in the most effective way.
- **Joyfully** *God loves a cheerful giver.* It's easy to give for the wrong reasons - to relieve our guilt, to avoid other avenues of Christian service, to be seen to be generous by others. The apostle Paul tells us that God loves a joyful and big-hearted response to all that he has lavished on us.

Financial giving is a great indicator of the spiritual health of a church and of each person in the church individually. It is a spiritual issue which is gospel driven. Please take some time, during the month of November, to think through your giving. This booklet teaches a little of what the Bible says about our attitude and our approach to money and giving. Please use it to help you prayerfully consider what you might give.

Thank you

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# It's no secret!

**Matt 7: 24—29 Jesus said ‘ Therefore anyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.’**

**Cost of running the church  
£2000 a week**



**Parish  
Share  
£58710**

Upkeep of  
curate's house.

Support to all  
churches in  
the diocese.

Advice and  
ministerial training.

Education for all  
members.



Clergy salaries  
and pensions in  
the diocese.

# God Supplies

## Remembrance of lives given

**Matt 6: 25—34 Jesus said 'But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.'**

**Can't afford to give today?  
You can give in the future.**

**What are your dreams for the church and mission? Help them come true.**

**Remember the church in your will.**

**We promise to use gifts to make a difference to the work of the Church.**

# What is giving?

**John 3:16 'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'**

**We give in thanks for what we have been given.**

## **Ways of giving:**

**Tithe a regular amount of money to the church.**

**Planned giving where you agree to give regularly, by standing order, cheque or the use of weekly envelopes.**

**Envelopes can also be used occasionally.**

**Gift Aid your giving. This will give an extra 20% to the church from your taxes.**

# **This time next year**

**2 Corinthians 9:7-8 'Each should give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'**

**Where do we want to be financially?**

**Where do you see your place in all this?**

**Regular planned giving?**

**More involved?**

**visiting**

**working with children**

**singing**

**tithing**

**gift aiding your offering**

**joining a Bible study group**

**learning more**

**becoming part of the Tuesday Cherubs group**

# My Response

Name.....

Contact details.....

**I want to know more about planned giving.**

**I will tithe my money and give a percentage to church.**

**I will make a legacy in my will to the church.**

**Speak to a member of the finance committee if you would like to know more about giving financially to the church.— Anthea Briggs, Fr Darren Collins, Keith Taylor, Neil Greatorex, Sue Dulley, Rachel Phillips, .**

