

# THE GOOD NEWS IS EVERYONE BENEFITS



Diocese of Durham

## A GUIDE FOR CHURCH COUNCILS

### THE CHURCH BENEFITS BY

- ☑ Regular and often increased planned giving offsetting year-on-year 'static giving'.
- ☑ Efficient reclaim of Gift Aid.
- ☑ Protection against inflation if church members choosing to increase their gift inline with the rate of inflation.

### THE TREASURER BENEFITS BY

- ☑ Reduced administration and paperwork.
- ☑ Saves time with reconciliations and for volunteers who count the money.

### THE INDIVIDUAL BENEFITS BY

- ☑ Being in total control of how much they give.
- ☑ A simple giving method that means regular financial support to their church.
- ☑ The option to increase giving annually to protect their gift against the effects inflation.
- ☑ A secure method of giving covered by the Direct Debit Guarantee scheme.
- ☑ Givers can remain anonymous if they wish to do so.

“ So simple and reliable, it just works! ”

John, Church Treasurer



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## WHAT IS THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME?

The *Parish Giving Scheme* (PGS) is a 'free' resource to help church members plan the giving of their monetary gifts.

Tried and tested by over 24,000 people in 18 dioceses, the Scheme will tackle the issue of year-on-year 'static giving' while reducing administration for church treasurers and gift aid officers.

As a UK based charity owned by participating dioceses, the Scheme enables church members to offer their gift using Direct Debit, the most secure and efficient method of giving. The Scheme can be used by all those who currently give by Standing Order, envelope or open plate.

Gifts can be made monthly, quarterly or on an annual basis, and are collected on the 1st of the month.

These gifts and any eligible Gift Aid are automatically credited to your church the same month.

If financial circumstances change, gifts can be increased or reduced with just one call to the Parish Giving Scheme team.

Your church treasurer will receive a monthly report from the *Parish Giving Scheme* listing all gifts and Gift Aid claimed.

The Scheme enables church members to increase their gift annually in line with inflation (a general increase in prices and fall in the purchasing value of money). This increase is optional.

An annual inflationary letter is issued by the *Parish Giving Scheme* to notify givers of annual increases. This increase can be accepted or declined.

### HOW DOES THE SCHEME WORK?

### MANAGING INFLATION

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

Simply pass a resolution at PCC to say: "We the PCC agree to commence operation of the *Parish Giving Scheme*".

The Church Council then signs up to the scheme, at no cost. A registration form will be made available to you.

Each Church Council member should consider joining this preferred method of giving. All you need to do is complete an original Gift Form (Direct Debit Mandate).

If anyone currently gives by Standing Order they will need to cancel their payment.

The treasurer and finance team should now provide information personally to each church member to promote the Parish Giving Scheme.

“ A win-win for all churches and treasurers. ”

Frankie, Church warden

“ No hassle with envelopes and change. ”

Colin, Parishioner



THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME  
A BETTER WAY TO GIVE