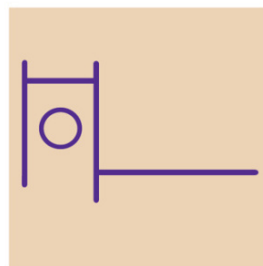
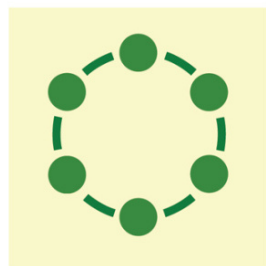

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A better, easy and safe way to give to your local church.



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"My experience has been excellent, I see it very much as a positive, making the Treasurer's life and the Church's life much easier."

Treasurer



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ABOUT PGS

The Parish Giving Scheme is a 21st Century approach to planned giving, enabling effective and efficient regular Direct Debit gifts to local parish churches.

BENEFITS TO YOU, THE GIVER

- Your gifts are given electronically, avoiding the need for cash giving during a church service.
- You can choose to give monthly, quarterly or annually.
- You can alter the amount of your gift any time.
- The full value of your gift is given directly to support your local church.
- The Parish Giving Scheme is covered by the Direct Debit Guarantee which assures your peace of mind.
- There are three ways to give - online, phone or paper form - giving flexibility as to your preference.
- You have the popular option to increase your giving by inflation each year, maintaining the value of your gift.

BENEFITS TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

- Less cash giving means lower risk for volunteers, and time spent counting and banking cash is reduced.
 - A predicted income makes budgeting and planning in your local church more effective.
 - Those joining the Scheme have the option to increase their giving by inflation each year, so that your church's mission and ministry remains sustainable.
 - With PGS claiming Gift Aid on your church's behalf, administration in your local church is reduced considerably, as well as cash flow increased with Gift Aid being claimed every month.
 - The Scheme is offered free of charge to all churches and givers in the Diocese of York.
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3 WAYS TO GIVE

Once your church has registered with PGS, you can set up your gift. There are three easy and secure ways to give to your church: online, by phone, or complete a Gift Form by post. You will need to have your bank account details, church name and PGS parish code to hand. Your church may also have a unique QR code that you can simply scan with your smartphone and follow the instructions on screen to set up your regular gift.

- Give online by visiting **www.parishgiving.org.uk**, find your church using the search function and follow the quick and easy steps to set up your regular gift.
- Give by phone by calling **0333 002 1271** between Monday and Friday 9am – 5pm, making sure you have your PGS Parish Code to hand.
- Give by a **paper Gift Form**, supplied by your parish. Simply fill in the details and return to PGS by post.

INFLATIONARY GIVING

A unique feature of the Parish Giving Scheme is the popular option for each giver to increase their gift annually in line with inflation. While this is a voluntary decision, it is one that could potentially have a huge impact on the life and future of the church – it combats static giving by maintaining the value of your gift year after year. Thirty days before the anniversary of your gift, you will receive a letter informing you of your increased gift amount – if for any reason you do not wish for that increase to be actioned, simply notify PGS.



“When we seek to raise funds we are not saying ‘please could you help us out because lately it has been hard,’ rather we are declaring, ‘We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources God has given you – your energy, your prayers and your money – in this work to which God has called us.”

Henri Nouwen, The Spirituality of Fundraising

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is regular giving important?

Our giving is, primarily, a response to God's generosity to us. As we give, we contribute in enabling God's mission in our local communities. Our giving commitment reveals our faith, and enables us to grow as disciples.

Why is regular giving so important to your church?

The Church of England offers a Christian presence in every community. Together we seek to be at the heart of all our cities, towns and villages, by serving others, sharing our faith, by worshipping together and by welcoming all. This valuable contribution has a cost which is largely met by regular giving, and so this giving is vitally important for churches to flourish and grow, and to plan confidently for the future.

When will my church receive my gift?

Your church will receive all gifts on the 10th day of each month. Any Gift Aid claimed in connection with your giving will follow soon afterwards.

Will my personal details be safe?

Your giving will have the security of the Direct Debit Guarantee, as well as PGS having a secure database which is regularly updated and security tested. All data is handled in line with GDPR (2018).

Can I choose the day my gift is collected?

All giving is collected on the first day of each month. This follows the principle of First Fruits (Deut. 26) as our commitment to the life and mission of our churches.

What do I do about my existing gift?

Please do not cancel your current Standing Order or giving envelope until you receive confirmation of your new giving arrangements from PGS.

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