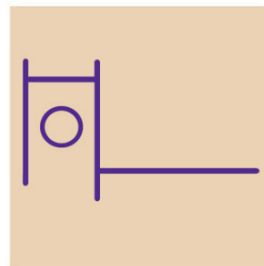
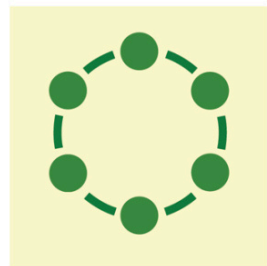


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# G I V E R S ' G U I D E



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A better, easy and safe way to give to your  
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*'Moving to PGS has been great for us. It frees up volunteer time claiming Gift Aid and any bank changes are simplified as donors don't have to change who they give to.'*

*It is simple for donors to use, and it's free. It works!'*

*Rev Paul  
Diocese of York*



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## ABOUT PGS

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to your church on a regular monthly basis (or quarterly or annually if you prefer).

## 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

- The Scheme is offered free of charge to all churches and givers in the Diocese of York.
  - 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.
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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](http://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

If you opt to increase your gift annually, PGS will write to you and advise you of the new amount. If this is acceptable you don't need to do anything, but you can choose to add more or to decrease the amount if you wish. If the majority of planned givers were to opt for this, it would have a huge impact on the finances of our churches.

One of the problems many churches face is that of 'static giving', often through inertia rather than intention.

### ONE-OFF GIVING

It is also possible to make a one-off gift online and add Gift Aid if you are eligible. Instead of setting up a new Direct Debit, you use a debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay.

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## 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.

### **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?**

Unfortunately not, at the moment, all giving is collected on the first day of each month.

### **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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*"[Giving] is a very rich and beautiful activity. It is a confident, joyful and hope-filled expression of ministry. In ministering to each other, each from the riches that he or she possesses, we work together for the full coming of God's Kingdom"*

*Henri Nouwen, The Spirituality of Fundraising*

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/support/for-churches/generous-giving>

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