



## Update on finance and giving

### THANK YOU

to everyone who gives to the church, particularly those who have changed to new ways and new amounts of giving this year.

- 100 people give an average £93 per month through the Parish Giving Scheme
- 22 people give regularly by Standing Order.

BUT there are 190 households on the electoral roll: a lot of church members not giving regularly. If you don't already, please make a regular gift. The Parish Giving Scheme is easy and convenient for all of us.

To find out more, turn to the back of this sheet or talk to one of the Giving Team (Ian Watson, Revd Hannah Higginson, Pat Axford, Anne King or Beatrice Smiles) about joining the scheme or email [giving@allsaintswokingham.org.uk](mailto:giving@allsaintswokingham.org.uk)

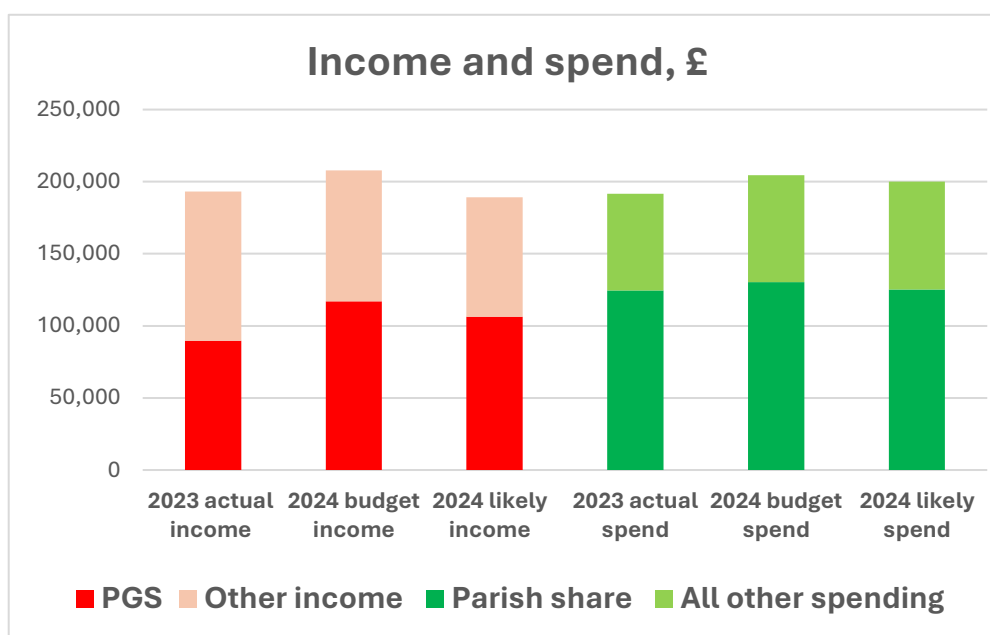
## Have we met our target? ...Not yet

**Income: £16,000 below break-even budget level**

**Planned expenditure only £6,000 down**

We want to make up this difference quickly but we also want a strong assured base for next year, so new regular giving is as important as one off gifts. We will not run a Mend the Gap campaign this year but such gifts would still be welcome!

PGS income has increased £16,000 but other income is down, partly from switching to PGS, but also from people leaving the congregation. Spending is down because of reduction in our Parish share – the original budget assumed we would have two priests.



## People ask – how much should I give?

Everyone will decide for themselves:

PGS monthly gifts range from £8 to £614 with an average of £93. Once tax has been recovered through the gift aid scheme the church gets £1,395 a year from a gift of £93 per month.



Some people like to tithe – that is to give a percentage and for some it might be 10 % of their net income; others prefer a different percentage and others prefer to give an absolute amount.

Lots of people give on the first of the month, which is when PGS collect the money through the Direct Debit scheme. It demonstrates that it is our priority to give to God and not just a case of giving what we have left.

## How to join the PGS scheme:

**By phone:** please call **0333 002 1271** and quote the All Saints reference and the PGS new donation team will take you through all the necessary steps. You will need to provide your bank sort code and number and your address and email address.

**On the website:**

1. Log in – see the QR code
2. Quote All Saints scheme reference: 270627493
3. Click 'Donate' and follow the links.

**Complete the hard copy form:** there is a supply at the back of the church.



## Other ways to raise funds

The PCC and other teams have been looking at new ways to raise funds. We have reintroduced retiring collections and other new ideas include:

- Hold a celebrity event as a fund raiser
- Have seasonal fayre/sale
- Local business adverts in the church
- Invest in marketing the church as a place to hire
- Hold a card stall with Quench
- Legacies - hold an information evening on making a will
- Extra collection - add a coin to your PGS token in the plate
- Promote the café and reduce its cost by cutting waste
- Hold an art fair.

Have you other ideas? Could you help with these? Please contact Beatrice Smiles ([Beatrice.smiles@allsaintswokingham.org.uk](mailto:Beatrice.smiles@allsaintswokingham.org.uk))

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Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

*Matthew ch 13 v31-2*

Please help All Saints grow like the mustard tree