

ST JOHN'S FINANCE SPRING UPDATE

MAY 2024

REGULAR GIVING

-THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

REGULAR GIVING IS THE BREAD AND BUTTER OF OUR CHURCH FINANCE; IT PAYS FOR OUR CLERGY AND STAFF, AND GENERAL UPKEEP OF OUR BUILDINGS

Please pray for your DCC; like most churches in the land, we face huge increases in running costs... and have had a fall in planned giving. Either we increase our revenue, or make cuts in future... Some of you have already responded and updated your giving.

THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME- PGS

Many churches across the country already use the PGS for their planned giving; now owned by the Church of England, it has only recently been made available in Bath and Wells. There are no bank charges or hidden costs, and Gift Aid is swiftly processed and sent back to St Johns weeks quicker than before, and saving so much admin work for the treasurers and stewardship secretary!

Many of us have already moved over to this new system, and some have taken the step of reviewing and increasing their giving. Thank you so much if you have already moved over, and do please encourage your friends to consider it too. *If you would rather review your giving and make any changes using your existing system, there is no problem in doing this; we are just grateful for all your generosity.*

LEGACIES

PLEASE could you consider remembering St John's church in your will? Legacy leaflets are available at the back of church. It is always wise to seek professional advice; a good starting place is:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/lasting-gift-your-church/writing-your-will>

FUNDRAISING HEADLINES

Table Top Sale £750+
ABSEIL EVENT £8000
[£3750 FOR HEATING!]

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



MOVE TO THE PGS!

It is so easy to do!!

Online, using this website link:

<https://www.waystogive.org.uk/keynsham-st-john#ParishGivingScheme>



or this QR code.

Or you can just phone 0333 0021260 and a helpful person will talk you through it all.

Or there are paper copies of the form at the back of church to fill in and post off yourself.

Just fill in a few details like name, address, email, etc, and submit! You will also need your basic bank details to set up this direct debit, as found on your bank card.

- You will get plenty of notice to cancel your existing bank standing order
- No changes will be made to your direct debit without your express consent.

GIFT DAY 12th May
CONCERT September 28th
WINTER FESTIVAL 29th Nov

ONE-OFF GIFTS HEATING SOLUTION

• £125-150K HEATING

This is the likely cost of new electric radiant heating for St Johns, with its associated works. A group, led by Graham Shaw, investigated all heating options and this came out best; the DCC unanimously agreed to pursue this further, first installing an improved electric supply system to the building, and seeking all the necessary permissions and advice from the diocese before going ahead. This link will give you an idea of what we are looking at:

https://youtu.be/ytB23qEZdGY?si=lgCWy5sX_mXUeCeR

Before even launching an appeal, we have received

in donations and fund-raising

This is such an encouragement!

We'd like to get heating installed for this winter, but to do this, we will need to raise considerable funds quickly; we can then apply for match funding grants.

£57k+

HOW TO GIVE

BACS payment through your bank, to:

ST JOHNS CHURCH KEYNSHAM

Sort code: 40 26 27 Ac no: 01075713

OR through the **Parish Giving Scheme, One off Gifts**. [While this one-off service does cost 1.5%, it saves all the admin work and speeds up the process, so is worth it!]

Or always by **Cheque! Reference: Heating**

In addition, many would like to see work done to draught proof the building, as part of this HEATING SOLUTION project:

- WEST PORCH £50K
- SOUTH PORCH £45K

The amount that people can give, or pledge to give now, will affect the grant funding we can apply for and the scope of the project we put forward. Do please talk to Building for the Future leader Martin Woodward in confidence if you would like to discuss pledging possible support for these projects.

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