



This leaflet is about money. There. We've said it.

Few of us like talking about money, but a Christian community is called to reflect honestly and prayerfully on issues to do with finance and financial giving. It's part of our discipleship.

Why does St John's need money? Isn't God's grace enough?

In 2016 St John's will cost about **£37,000** to run. And that's not including the work we receive external grants for, like Kids' Café and the Soup Kitchen.

That's over **£700 a week**, or **£100 a day**.

Where does that money go, and where does it come from?

Money going out

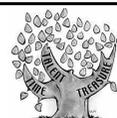
Diocese of London **£16,000**
This is what we pay into the 'Common Fund', from which the diocese pays for clergy stipends, pensions, and housing, and for training and central administration. A typical one-priest parish costs the diocese about £75,000 a year.

Building upkeep, utilities and insurance **£12,200**
Worship and music **£5,100**
Other mission* **£2,900**

* not including Kids' Café and Soup Kitchen

Money coming in

Rent **£16,400**
Gift Aid **£3,000**
Solar panels **£1,000**
Other income **£1,400**
Giving **£15,200**



How does this involve you?

As you will see, a large amount of our income comes from the people who worship at St John's. St John's relies on this money, so **THANK YOU** for all you do to contribute to mission and ministry in this place.

Part of *Treasure, Time & Talents* is to make sure that **everyone is giving something**. Even if it only seems to be a tiny amount, every member of the church should be contributing financially towards its life on a regular basis. This will vary from person to person, according to their income and other circumstances.

Let's get onto the nitty gritty... How much?

Different people will be able to give different amounts of money to St John's, according to their circumstances. We ask that you think carefully and pray hard about how much you could be giving the church.

The Church of England suggests that giving generously means:

- When I set my giving in the context of my income, the percentage I'm giving is a **realistic** amount.
- When I see that my giving has an impact on my lifestyle, and I can identify an element of sacrifice to my giving.
- When my giving is a priority, rather than what's left over at the end of the week/month.
- When if what I give away was given back to me, it would make a real difference to me.

Some people will want to increase the amount they give St John's. Others will want to keep the amount the same. Others may want to decrease what they give. The crucial thing is that we're all giving something.



Planned giving

It's also important that as many people as possible are on a **Planned Giving** scheme, either by Standing Order or the Envelope Scheme (see overleaf for explanations). This means you, as the giver, can plan your giving to St John's, making your gift on a regular basis. Furthermore, Planned Giving is also *Planned Receiving*; it gives St John's an idea of how much money it is going to receive through giving, which helps with budgeting and planning for the future.

We also want to make sure our giving is efficient. If you are a UK tax-payer, St John's can claim the tax back on your donation through the Gift Aid scheme, *at no extra cost to you*.



Read Luke 21.1-4.

**Jesus presents two forms of giving.
Which does yours most look like?**



How to be part of Planned Giving

Standing Order

This is the most straightforward form of Planned Giving. You complete a pink Standing Order form (or download it from the website) stating how much you would like to donate to St John's each month, and on what day of the month. Hand in the form in church, and we'll do the rest. This Standing Order can be changed or cancelled by you (and only by you) whenever you like. If you do your banking online you can set up a standing order — without a pink form — from the comfort of your home!

Envelope Scheme

A box of small envelopes for every Sunday of the year is provided so that you can make a weekly offering. These envelopes are marked with your unique identification code. All you have to do is bring your envelope to church containing your gift, and put it in the collection.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK tax-payer, we can claim a further 20% of your donation from HMRC at no extra cost to you. All you need to do is complete a blue Gift Aid Declaration, which can also be downloaded from www.sjebp.com



Sundays 1, 8, 15, 22 November

These Sundays will be *Treasure, Time and Talents* Sundays. There will be talks and presentations at the 11am Mass, and there will be a *Treasure, Time and Talents* table in the foyer after Mass with displays and information.

Sân Whitaker, our PCC Treasurer, and Fr Daniel and Fr Justin will answer any questions you might have, and are also available for confidential conversations about giving or stewardship. If you are unsure of anything, or if anything has made you feel uncomfortable, please come and talk to one of us.

Every adult member of our congregation has been given a *Treasure, Time and Talents* Pack. Enclosed in this is a Pledge Form, which asks you to pledge how much you would like to give to St John's, and which method of Planned Giving you would prefer. We ask that this Pledge Form be returned by **Sunday 29 November**, either in the box in the foyer in church, or by delivering or sending it to St John's Vicarage. Your Pledge Form is confidential, as is the amount you pledge.

Once you have returned your pledge form, we will give you a Standing Order form, a pack of envelopes, and/or a Gift Aid Declaration if you do not already have these, or you can download them from the website.

All the Treasure, Time and Talents information is on our website: www.sjebp.com



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