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| **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**  Please **REVIEW** your giving prayerfully and **COMPLETE** and return the two response forms by *[date]*. Your replies will be confidential.  **What other steps could you take?**   * Do you give regularly? Could you join the **PLANNED GIVING SCHEME**, ideally setting up a standing order (or take a set of envelopes) and so contribute regularly whether you are in church or not? * How much do you give now as a proportion of your income? **CAN YOU INCREASE IT BY 2P OR 5P IN THE £?** * http://www.cats-foundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/gift-aid-logo-red.jpgDo you pay tax? Consider filling in a **GIFT AID FORM**. If we pay tax, HMRC will REFUND to *[name of your church]*  25p for each £ you give at no cost to yourself. * Stewardship is not just about money. Could you donate your skills and time to helping *[name of your church]* achieve its vision? Take a look at the **‘TIME AND TALENTS’** response form and consider whether you can contribute in that way.   **Your contribution will make a real difference** |  | **THANK YOU**  **Thanks to the previous generosity of our church members, we have been able to:**   * *[personalise these with key aspects of your church’s mission and ministry, for example:]* * provide a warm, welcoming and spiritual place for our community, including hosting school events for *[xx]* children * welcome *[xx]* families to our Messy Church * provide home communion and care for our elderly.   **Each week you also give freely of your time and talents so we can:**   * *[personalise these with key aspects of your church’s mission and ministry, for example:]* * keep *[name of your church]* open every day so that people can come to enjoy this lovely building * run groups for our children and young people.   **Quote from someone in your congregation about what *[name of your church]* means to them** |  | **Name of your church**  **Space for your church’s vision statement here**  [Insert images of your church here]  **GUIDE TO GIVING**  **OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** |

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| **OUR VISION**  We aim to be a friendly church, caring for our community and welcoming new faces to join us at *[replace with your own vision statement]*. We feel that with a few extra resources we could do so much more within this community. Perhaps you have the skills and time to help.  [Insert images from your mission and ministry activities here]  **In the coming year we hope to:**   * *[personalise these with key aspects of your church’s vision, for example]* * offer more regular gatherings for our senior citizens * repair the guttering/boiler. |  | **OUR CHALLENGE**  To fund this vision, we will spend *[£xxxxx]* each week.  D:\TSProfiles\parikhg\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\P024K0OQ\gift-boxes-2872745_1280.png  *[£xxxx]* on ministry &  outreach, including our hall.  D:\TSProfiles\parikhg\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\P024K0OQ\gift-boxes-2872745_1280.png*[£xxxx]* on church  & services.  D:\TSProfiles\parikhg\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\P024K0OQ\gift-boxes-2872745_1280.png*[£xxxx]* on giving to  other charities.  *[£xxxx]* on our share of clergy costs for our parish pledge.  We do not receive any local or national government support. Each week, our  current income is *[£xxxxx]*.  **D:\TSProfiles\parikhg\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\QAPNPRLQ\money-2696228_1280.jpgD:\TSProfiles\parikhg\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\QAPNPRLQ\money-2696228_1280.jpgD:\TSProfiles\parikhg\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\QAPNPRLQ\money-2696228_1280.jpgD:\TSProfiles\parikhg\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\QAPNPRLQ\money-2696228_1280.jpg**  Hall/ other income *[£xxxxx]*  Gift Aid recovered *[£xxxxx]*  Fundraising income *[£xxxxx]*  Planned giving income *[£xxxxx]*  **So we have a challenge!**  We require an extra *[£xxxx]* per week (*[£xxxx]* per annum) to put ourselves right for the future. We have *[xxxx]* members and this will cost an average of an extra *[£xxxx]* per head per week. |  | **HOW MUCH TO GIVE**  **GENEROSITY** is at the heart of Christian life.  God loves us and we are all called upon to love God and our neighbour. Our giving is an expression of that love.  We could fund the gap between our ministry costs and our current income in this way:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | This many people | Increasing their weekly gift by | Equals this much extra weekly income | | 5 | £10 | £50 | | 10 | £5 | £50 | | 15 | £2 | £30 | | 20 | £1 | £20 |   **This amounts to 50 people giving an extra £150 a week ― £7,800 a year!**  *[Alter to fit your £x]*  The Scriptures teach the principle of **PROPORTIONATE GIVING**: in other words, giving a percentage of our income. The Church of England challenges its members to give 5% of their after-tax income to the Church.  **As a rough rule of thumb:**  **5% = £1 per week for every £1,000 of  annual income. For example, 5% of an income of £10,000 = £10 per week**  (By comparison, a cup of coffee costs around £3 and a Netflix subscription is £8 a month.) |