



A simple way to give to your church

The Parish Giving Scheme Guide for PCCs



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What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

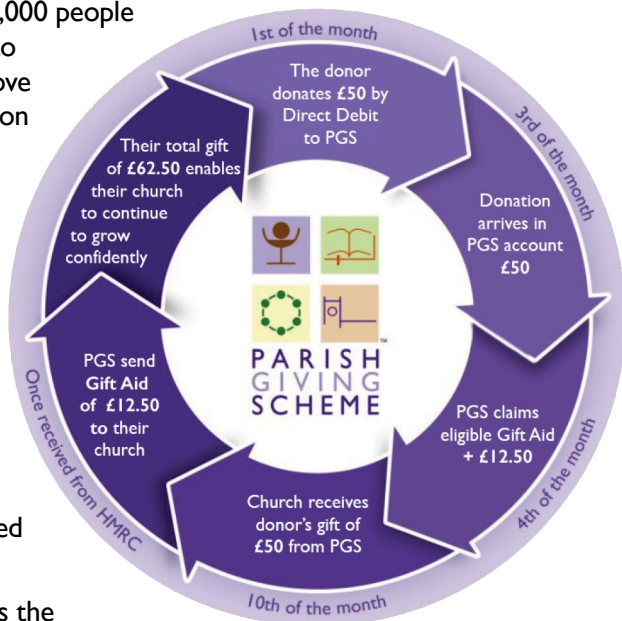
The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a new, free resource to help your church members plan their giving and, where appropriate, do so tax efficiently.

Tried and tested by more than 55,000 people in 30 dioceses, the PGS can help to increase giving year on year, improve cash flow and reduce administration for Treasurers and Gift Aid Secretaries.

It can be used by those who currently give by standing order, envelope or open plate, enabling them to give to their church by direct debit, the most secure and efficient method of giving.

These generous gifts can (if agreed by the giver) be increased annually by inflation.

The PGS, a UK-based charity, does the work for you. Each month they automatically claim and send your church the associated Gift Aid.



How does the scheme work?

Gifts can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis on the first working day of the month and these are paid to the church on the 10th of the month. Any associated Gift Aid are automatically credited to your church once received from HM Revenue and Customs. Your Church Treasurer receives an online monthly report from the PGS Team, listing the giving and Gift Aid claimed. Tokens are available for church members to put on the offering plate at each service.

Managing inflation

Your church, like our government and every household, is hit by inflation, eroding the value of your gifts. The PGS tackles this problem by enabling church members to choose to increase their giving annually in line with inflation.

If financial circumstances change they can increase or reduce their gift simply by calling the PGS. Givers receive a letter annually advising them of the amount that their giving is increasing in line with inflation and they can retain full control by opting to decline, increase or reduce the amount.

“ Frankie, Churchwarden
It is a win-win proposition which helps our Treasurer and church ”

What do you need to do?

- The PCC first needs to pass a formal resolution agreeing to commence operation of the PGS. The scheme is free for parishes to join.
- Next, the parish needs to be registered. The PCC Treasurer can obtain a registration form from the Diocesan website at southwark.anglican.org/giving
- Once the parish is registered, you will be ready to launch the scheme. We have found it works most effectively when launched alongside a giving campaign. For resources, please see the Diocesan website or contact the Giving Team at pgs@southwark.anglican.org. The Treasurer and Finance Team should now provide information personally to each church member to promote the PGS.
- Donors wanting to join the PGS can do so via the PGS website, over the phone, or by completing and posting a Gift Form. If they currently give by standing order they will have to contact their bank to cancel the payment details. Gift Forms will be supplied to each parish with their specific PGS account details.
- We would also encourage each PCC member to consider joining this preferred method of giving, as it encourages others to do the same.

Why give in a new way?

The Church of England seeks to be a transforming presence in every community. We want people in our Diocese to be “Walking, Welcoming and Growing” in Christ, serving our communities across South London and East Surrey.

If you sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme, more of your gifts and time can be devoted to God’s mission and ministry across Southwark Diocese. A summary of key benefits for the individual, your church and your Treasurer is provided overleaf.

Gift Form

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name(s):

Surname(s):

Full home address:

Postcode:

I wish to give a regular donation for my church

Please tick to confirm you have read and understood the PGS information sheet pages 1 and 2, including the Frequently Asked Questions.

I wish my donation to be used solely for the benefit of:

Church / Parish name: ST SAUVOUR'S
 PGS Parish code: 123456789
 In the village / town / city of: OXTED
 In the Diocese of: SOUTHWARK

I wish to support my parish in the future by agreeing to an annual contribution increase on my life. Please tick: Yes

“Grow in grace of giving”
 2 Corinthians 8:7

Everyone benefits

The church benefits from:

- ✓ stable and often increased planned giving, offsetting 'static' giving
- ✓ Gift Aid being claimed automatically for the church. This means less work for your Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary and can improve cash flow
- ✓ protection against inflation by church members choosing to increase their gift annually in line with the rate of inflation.

The treasurer benefits from:

- ✓ reduced administration and paperwork
- ✓ time saved for them and the people who count the money
- ✓ improved security by reducing cash management.

The individual benefits from:

- ✓ being in total control of how much they give
- ✓ a simple giving method that means regular financial support for their church
- ✓ the option to increase giving annually to protect their gift against inflation
- ✓ a direct debit guarantee meaning that gifts are safe and secure
- ✓ having access to tokens to put on the offering plate at each service
- ✓ having access to help from the Diocese of Southwark and the Parish Giving Scheme office in Gloucester.



Sue, Parishioner

*Signing up by phone
could not have been
easier*



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