

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

What do we need to do to ensure the survival of our lovely church? Please **REVIEW** your giving prayerfully and **RESPOND** by 16<sup>th</sup> October. Your replies will be confidential.

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**

### What steps could you take?

- ★ If you don't give anything to St Philip and All Saints now, please prayerfully think what you can give, using the 5% guideline.
- ★ **Please give regularly** - weekly or monthly - not just when you turn up at church and happen to remember.
- ★ If you already give regularly, do you give 5% or more / when did you last increase the amount? **Can you increase it by 5p in the £?**
- ★ Donating by bank regular payment or the Parish Giving Scheme is administratively efficient for St Philip and All Saints.
- ★ Remember we also have a card reader!
- ★ Are you able to gift aid your donations, so St Philip and All Saints can reclaim the tax?
- ★ Aware of today's pressures on incomes, could you also help in other ways to secure the future of our lovely old church?

## A WAY TO GIVE

- ★ Could you join the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** by setting up a monthly direct debit via PGS?

To set up your regular gift via PGS, call:

**0333 002 1271**

Please have ready your bank account details and quote the following:

- St Philip and All Saints: The Barn Church
- PGS Number: 370637324

## THANK YOU

**Thanks to the previous generosity of our church members, we have been able to:**

- ★ provide a welcoming and spiritual place for our community;
- ★ undertake repairs to our church property, and install new boilers;
- ★ pay our share of parish costs, so the Diocese can refurbish and maintain vicarages, train clergy and lay ministers, as well as serve our parishes.

**Now we need you, the current generation of church members, to give the same support.**

# GUIDE TO GIVING



## St Philip and All Saints, Kew (The Barn Church)

**Growing in Faith and Love**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

## OUR VISION

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### Growing in faith and love by:

**Growing** in worship and service to God where everyone can be helped to deepen their relationship with God;

**Growing** in our community, by warmly welcoming all who want to worship with us;

**Growing** in love by caring for each other.

**We need extra resources** - volunteers and funds - to continue to provide our lovely church for our community.



Revd Dr Melanie Harrington-Haynes

### In the coming year we must:

- ★ Repair the current leaks in the roof and walls;
- ★ Move toward paying our parish support pledge in full;
- ★ Increase our giving to charities and those in need;
- ★ Continue to develop our commitment to care for creation and achieve the Eco Church bronze award.

## OUR STEWARDSHIP PLAN

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**STEWARDSHIP MONTH** will take place over 4 Sundays to enable us to properly explore the different aspects of Stewardship: ways of giving, and what that means for Christian discipleship.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9:30 am: God's Generosity** - will focus on creation and stewardship, caring for our environment and thanking God for his generosity.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 9:30 am: Time and Talents (All Age)** - volunteering is at the heart of our Church, celebrating those who already offer their time and talents and encouraging involvement from others, helping us all to grow in faith. At the end of the service there will be a Time and Talents Fair featuring all aspects of volunteering (with refreshments and cake).

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 9:30 am: Giving** - with guest speaker Gabby Parikh, Director of Giving and Parish Funding, Southwark Diocese, sharing insight into the Diocese funding and how our church is supported.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 11 am: Thank you Service** - St Luke's Patronal Festival and an opportunity to give thanks for the community and volunteers; a joint service and lunch at St Luke's.

## OUR CHALLENGE

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**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.

Just to run our church we need per week approximately **£1,700**:

- £200 to pay our staff
- £300 on church supplies and services
- £400 for utilities and maintenance
- £800 for our share of parish costs.

We do not receive any local or national government support. Each week, our average current income is only **£1,100!**

- £500 giving
- £300 gift aid
- £300 hall rentals and fundraising.

**So, we have a challenge:** we require at least an extra **£600** per week (£31,200 per year) just to meet our everyday expenses and we need more funds for rising gas costs or to be able to undertake major repairs or new initiatives.

**STEWARDSHIP** is not just about money. Could you donate your skills and time to help St Philip and All Saints? Take a look at the **'TIME AND TALENTS'** response form and consider what you can contribute - could you be a deputy churchwarden, set up or clear away the church, do light maintenance / gardening, help run a fundraiser, deliver flyers, create the parish magazine, lead Junior Church?