

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Please **REVIEW** your giving prayerfully and consider:

1. Making an **INCREASE** in the amount that you give and
2. making a **SWITCH** to giving through the Parish Giving Scheme with an annual increase in line with inflation.

What do I do next?

- ★ Sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme by one of three methods:
 - On-line at www.parishgiving.org.uk, searching for our parish using our PGS code: **370637375**.
 - Telephone on 03330 021271, Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm.
 - By post using a Gift Form on our website, available in church, or from David Wada (stfranciswwtreasurer@gmail.com)
- ★ If you do not sign up to PGS and you pay tax, consider filling in a **GIFT AID FORM** if you have not already done so, so that HMRC will REFUND to St Francis' 25p for each £ you give at no cost to yourself. *giftaid it*
- ★ We are very grateful for a number of legacies, including £19,000 in 2018 which we used to undertake building repairs. If you would like to receive information about legacies/ writing a will please contact David Wada.

THANK YOU

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

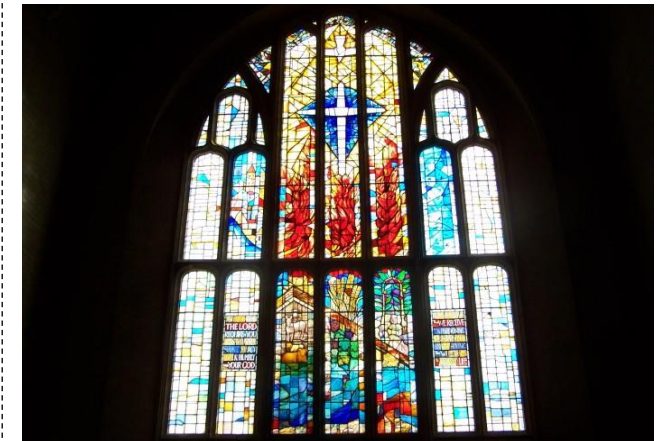
- ★ Have repairs completed to the church building, including our flagpole and guttering.
- ★ Keep in touch with all of our congregation through delivering paper copies of our pew sheet and magazine and using Zoom and YouTube to host meetings and services on-line.
- ★ Facilitate and host the safe distribution of Foodbank Christmas hampers for families in need.
- ★ Provide home communion and care for our elderly members.



I'm so pleased that we've been able to connect with our wider community during lockdowns and facilitate support for others.

Kate Dyer

UNITED in GIVING



St Francis of Assisi Church, West Wickham

A community of faith in touch with the wider community

Securing our future

OUR VISION

As we emerge from the pandemic we want to serve our community with thanks for all we have. We have a moment of opportunity to meet the needs that exist and bring God's love and care to others together with St Mary's.

Our Vision Group has met a few times and developed a real sense that God is doing a new thing:

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:19



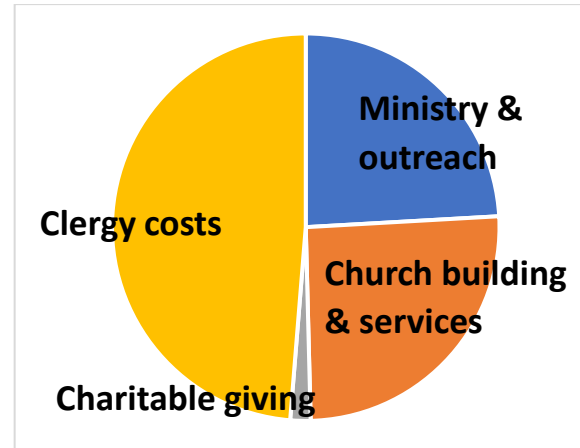
In the coming year we hope to:

- ★ Build on our links with Bromley Borough Foodbank to support families in need.
- ★ Increase our use of telephone befriending in addition to our regular gatherings for senior citizens and others who are lonely.
- ★ Expand our bereavement support to bring a spiritual offering to those who struggle with their loss.

Your contribution will make a real difference

OUR CHALLENGE

To fund this vision, we will spend £1,361 each week:



We do not receive any local or national government support and our hall income has been significantly reduced recently. We rely on regular giving to be able to support the expenditure set out above.

Each week, our current regular income is £1,172.

So we have a challenge!

We require an extra £189 per week (£9,828 per annum) to be able to commit ourselves to our planned ministry.

How much can you add to your regular giving? The price of a cup of coffee (around £3) each week or what about the cost of your broadband connection (around £8 each week)?

HOW MUCH TO GIVE

Our loving God is generous to us all and St Francis' encourages all those who regularly worship with us to consider how they can contribute to the ministry of the church. There are many different ways of giving; time, talents and finances. We are concentrating here on the financial side. If you can give in other ways, please do contact Hazel, our vicar.

What should I give?

Take time to consider the Biblical guidelines below. Pray and ask God for guidance and a cheerful heart. Seek to be generous. Give!

Many people discover more about God's generosity, love and provision as they give. If you are new to giving or have financial difficulties, begin small and plan to increase/review your giving over time.

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 and a similar amount to other charities.

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