

Renewing our Giving



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

Growing our Parish and our mission in the community

Firstly, an enormous thank you for supporting The Parish of the Resurrection. It is valued and appreciated in equal measure, and essential in enabling the life of The Parish of the Resurrection and all that we support.

As we approach 2019 we do so with a sense of great excitement and expectation at what God is doing amongst us as we pray, plan and begin new areas of work guided by our Five Year Plan. All that we want to achieve in the next few years challenges us to further our giving to help make this possible and prepare the ground for all that God has in store.

This leaflet is not big enough to explain all that we do together. We can only take you back to the wonderful APCM exhibition to recall the depth of our mission and ministry in the community, the varied opportunities to worship, how music enhances our faith and such support for all groups within the Parish.

We greatly rejoice in all the giving that takes place for Anna Chaplaincy, Karamoja, The Alton Foodbank, Youth and Children's work, worldwide emergencies and disasters, and for the various ministries in which we are involved both as a parish and ecumenically.

As we implement our Five Year Plan we know that we need to have firm foundations for our 'building' of God's Kingdom here in Alton, Holybourne and Beech.

- we have appointed a new team to run the Parish Office day to day
- we are set to improve our communication inside the Parish and with the community to bring alive our work and mission
- our youth ministry is growing and thriving but we need to find money and volunteers to give it a secure future
- we are planning for growth and new areas and ways of working

In summary the challenge is:

1. To increase regular giving by £20,000 per annum to pay for the improvements we have already made and so that we can set a progressive budget for 2019 and beyond to press on with God's plans for the Parish of the Resurrection and His Kingdom.
2. To fund the Parish Five Year Plan
3. To recruit new volunteers to the projects outlined in our Five Year Plan, for the many practical tasks that are needed to run our established ministries and for the upkeep our church buildings
4. To spread contributions for time, talents and money from across our worshipping community so that our resources are more broadly based.

How might this be possible?

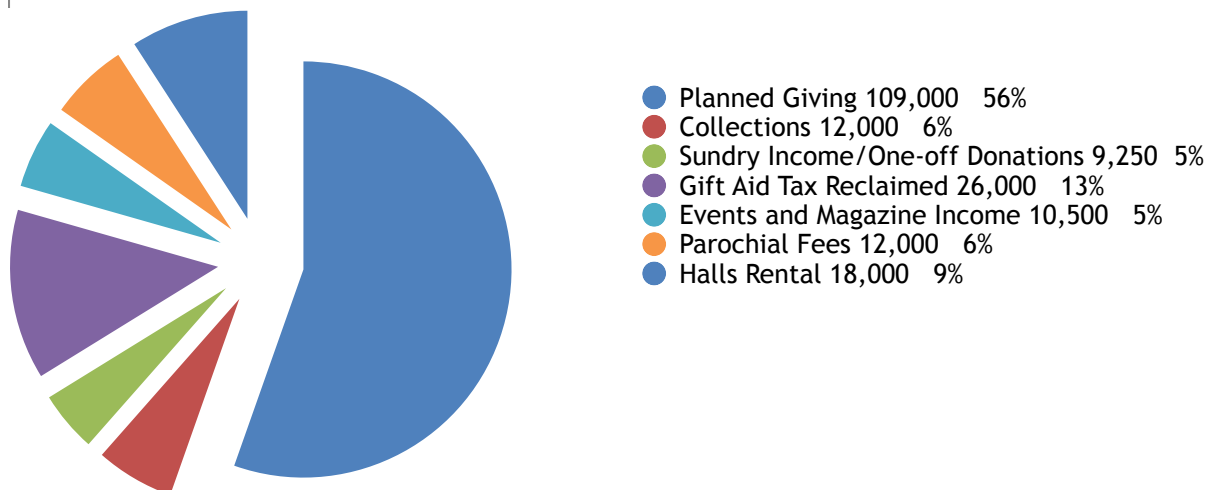
Success would be a person or family pledging to give £3 per week as a new giver to the parish or an established giver increasing their contribution by another £3 per week. £3 is about equivalent to a cup of coffee in one of our local coffee shops; the price of some weekend newspapers; less than a trip to the Alton Cinema or a downloaded film.

Giving is a shared commitment and responsibility if we are to see God's plans fulfilled and so we would encourage each one of us to prayerfully and carefully consider how to respond, whether we are already regular givers or haven't yet made that commitment.

Andrew Russell, our Treasurer, and John Hubbard have provided an overview of our finances below which we hope will help you in your discernment.

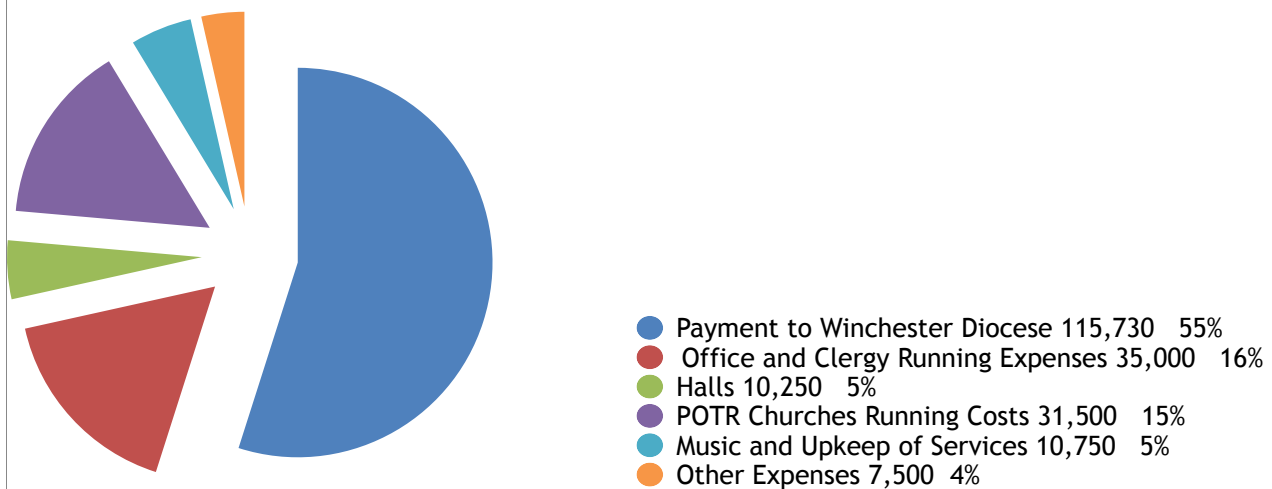
A look at our finances

General Fund Income 2019 £196,750



Income to the General Fund pays for the general running of the Parish, our share of salaries of the clergy paid to the Winchester Diocese, local staff salaries, office expenses and maintaining our buildings.

General Fund Expenditure 2019 £210,730



Mission Action Fund

Over the last three years income to the General Fund has been just enough for routine expenditure but is not enough in the future to pay for our essential improvements to staffing and general expenses or the Five Year Plan. Currently we are preparing a deficit budget!

The Mission Action Fund supports Parish mission opportunities such as resources to aid evangelism throughout the year. It helps with catering and resources for things such as Alpha Courses, Lent Talks and other faith building and outreach activities. It is also funds the salary of The Youth Minister. We have committed to a three year work contract for Ali and we would really like to be in a position to increase the tenure of the post.

This fund (largely made up of one off gifts) currently stands at £44,000. We need this to grow with one off donations and transfers from the General Fund to maintain our mission priorities including our 5 year plan

How Should We Respond?

We would encourage you to give as the Lord prompts you in accordance with the resources He has blessed you with. We approach this new chapter in the life of The Parish of the Resurrection knowing that we follow a generous God and we look to Him as we ask what it is he is asking us to give.

Please give to the Parish of the Resurrection to enable us to meet all our expenditure commitments from our regular giving and to make our mission effective and successful.

What Do I Do Next?

On the Sundays of January 2019 across our services, we will be encouraging all members of the parish to respond to our Renewing of Giving. If you would like to respond sooner please do so.

There are a number of ways to give:

Parish Giving Scheme

This is the **preferred method** and we strongly encourage you to consider this scheme. It largely avoids paper, we receive Gift Aid funds quickly and there is minimal action on your part year to year.

For new givers please find forms at the back of the church or online via our website www.potr-alton.co.uk

If you wish to change the amount of your giving now or at any time, you can do this by phone (01452 835595) or e-mail to Parish Giving Scheme. Their contact details can be found on any Parish Giving Scheme correspondence or at their website www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk.

Standing Orders

You can give to The Parish of the Resurrection (if you do not wish to use PGS) by standing order. Please fill in the “Standing Order to The Parish of the Resurrection” form. Please also use this form for standing order changes. If you are able to Gift Aid please also complete this form.

Giving by Envelopes

Regular giving envelopes which then can be put into the collection at services are available. Please contact Tim Sturt, Donations Co-ordinator on...

One off Giving

If you would like to make a 'one off' gift then please use the appropriate form and follow through with a cheque or BACS payment.

Cashless Giving

We are introducing cashless donations using a credit or debit card. The Parish Office has a card reading machine which can be used by visiting the office or phoning (01420 83234) during opening hours.

Donate via the Website

Log on to www.potr-alton.co.uk and look for the donate button.

We are so grateful to each of you in responding to what God places on your heart at this time.

Thank you and with every blessing

The Parish of the Resurrection Team

STANDING ORDER to The Parish of the Resurrection

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and send to the Donations Coordinator, c/o the Parish office.

SurnameForename

Address

.....

.....Postcode

Bank and Branch

Sort code a/c no

Please pay CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ for the credit of The Parish of the Resurrection, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account 00029108 monthly the sum of

£(in figures)

£.....(in words)

starting until or until I give written instruction to discontinue the payments.

Please tick the appropriate box(es)

I want to Gift Aid my donation(s). I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Gift Aid is reclaimed by The Parish of the Resurrection from the tax you pay for the current year.

SIGNED:

Date:

SINGLE GIFT to The Parish of the Resurrection

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and send to the Donations Coordinator, c/o the Church office

SurnameForename

Address

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.....Postcode

I wish to give £ (in figures)

£..... (in words)

Please make cheques payable to The Parish of the Resurrection Alton

or send it via BACS to CAF Bank Ltd,

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account number: 00029108

Please tick the following Gift Aid box if appropriate

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