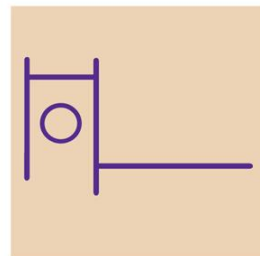
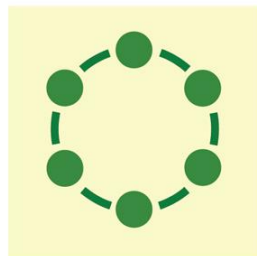
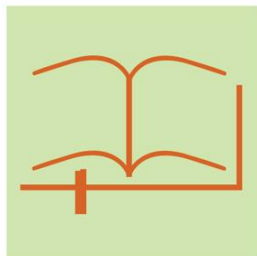


A better way to give financially to your local church



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PARISHGIVINGScheme

explained

Why?

The Church of England offers a Christian presence in every community, seeking to be at the heart of every city, town and village: serving our communities, sharing our faith, worshipping together, offering a physical presence in our buildings. This important contribution to our shared life has a financial cost which is largely met through personal donations made by individuals. For the Church of England to survive and grow, we rely on regular personal donations so that we can plan confidently for the future.

‘Money’ can often dominate the agenda in our local churches and in our Diocese. We need to tackle this problem head-on so that we can move forward with confidence. Successfully addressing the need of our local churches for realistic and long-term giving is a fundamental part of developing and sustaining thriving and outward looking churches.

What?

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a 21st century solution to offset one of the greatest problems of local church income – ‘static giving’. Donations made through the PGS use Direct Debits. These can be monthly, quarterly, or annually. The donations – plus any associated Gift Aid – come straight back to the local church, thus improving the local church’s cashflow.

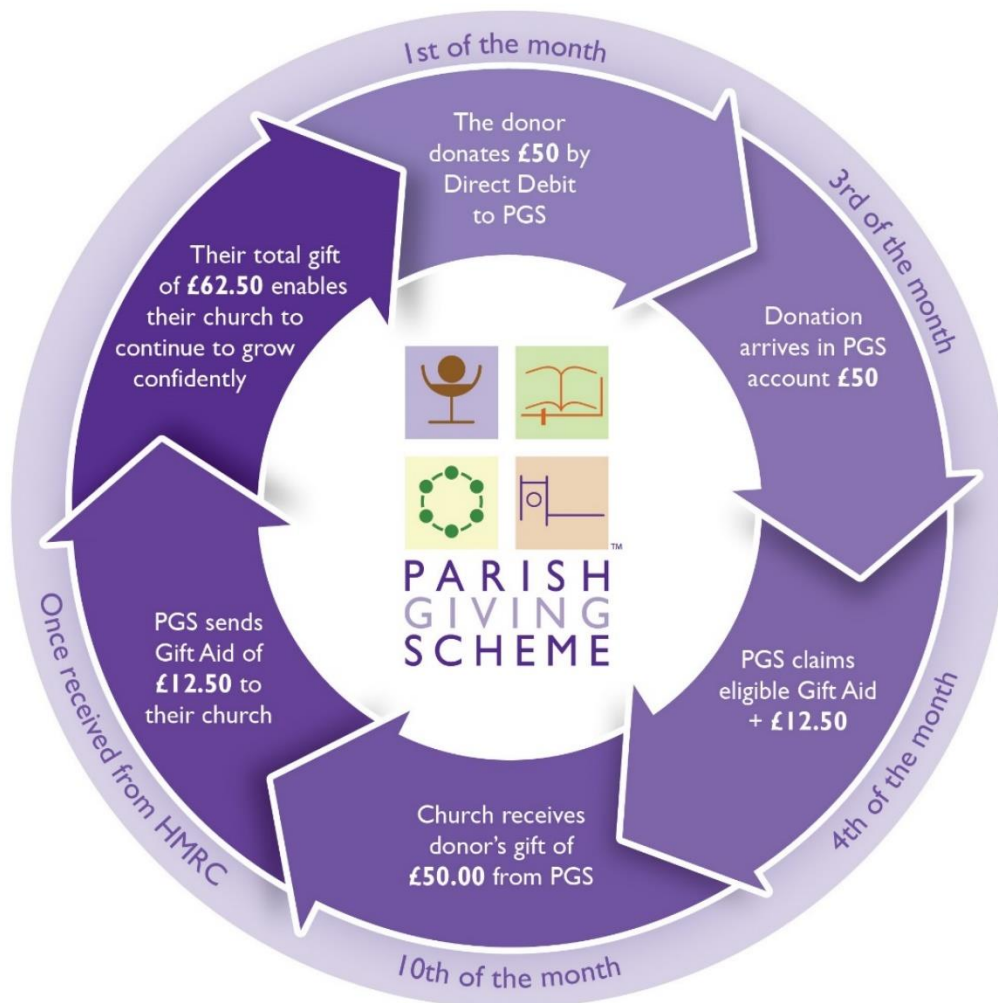
If you choose, you can remain anonymous to your local church. The PGS have your name and address so that they can reclaim the Gift Aid, but your details are not passed on to your local church.

If you tick the ‘inflation option’, your donation is automatically adjusted each year so that it becomes ‘inflation proofed’. Although these ‘inflation uplifts’ are relatively small (e.g., £1.25 on a donation of £50), cumulatively they make a significant difference to local church finances. The PGS also makes life easier for the volunteers who manage parish finances in our local churches by reducing their administrative workload.

Once your local church council has agreed to sign your church up to participate in the PGS you can then join the Scheme as a donor: ask your PCC Treasurer or Planned Giving Secretary for a PGS Gift Form.

How does the PGS work?

- based on an example of £50 per month



In summary, the Parish Giving Scheme...

- collects your donation by Direct Debit
- claims any associated Gift Aid from HMRC
- pays the donations into the local church's bank account
- pays the associated Gift Aid into the local church's bank account as soon as it is received from HMRC
- offers you a helpline number to call if you have any questions
- provides the option to increase your donation automatically each year in line with inflation

Why is keeping track of inflation so important?

If giving to the local church had kept pace with inflation, look how a gift of £50 would have increased since the year 2000:

Year	2000	2005	2010	2015
Gift Amount	£50.00	£56.69	£65.40	£76.65

The PGS makes it easy for you to agree, in principle, to increase your donation in line with inflation every year. Just tick the box when you fill in the PGS Gift Form. Nearly two-thirds of PGS donors have opted for this annual increase.

You can be reassured that, if your circumstances change, it is easy to decline the increase when the annual inflationary letter arrives.

What have other people said about the PGS?

'The PGS has greatly helped our cash flow and budgeting'

'This scheme makes it so much more efficient to collect the tax back'

'No weekly hassle with envelopes or change'

What next?

If you would like to find out more about the Parish Giving Scheme, please contact your local church PCC Treasurer or Planned Giving Secretary, whose details are below.