

## How much to give

**We're all different; so are our circumstances. There is no easy answer and we must make our own decisions. But here are some things to consider.**

First, our giving needs to be realistic about the needs of our church so we can pay our bills and maintain our church for today and tomorrow.

Second, our giving makes possible the life, ministry and mission of our church. Without it we could not be a living church and serve our community.

Third, generosity is part of our Christian faith. As we give freely to our loved ones so we give generously to God, honouring him and saying thank you for all he gives to us.

Fourth, good giving needs planning and must be a priority. Practically, this may mean giving by weekly envelopes, by a Standing Order or Direct Debit and, if we pay UK tax, giving by Gift Aid.

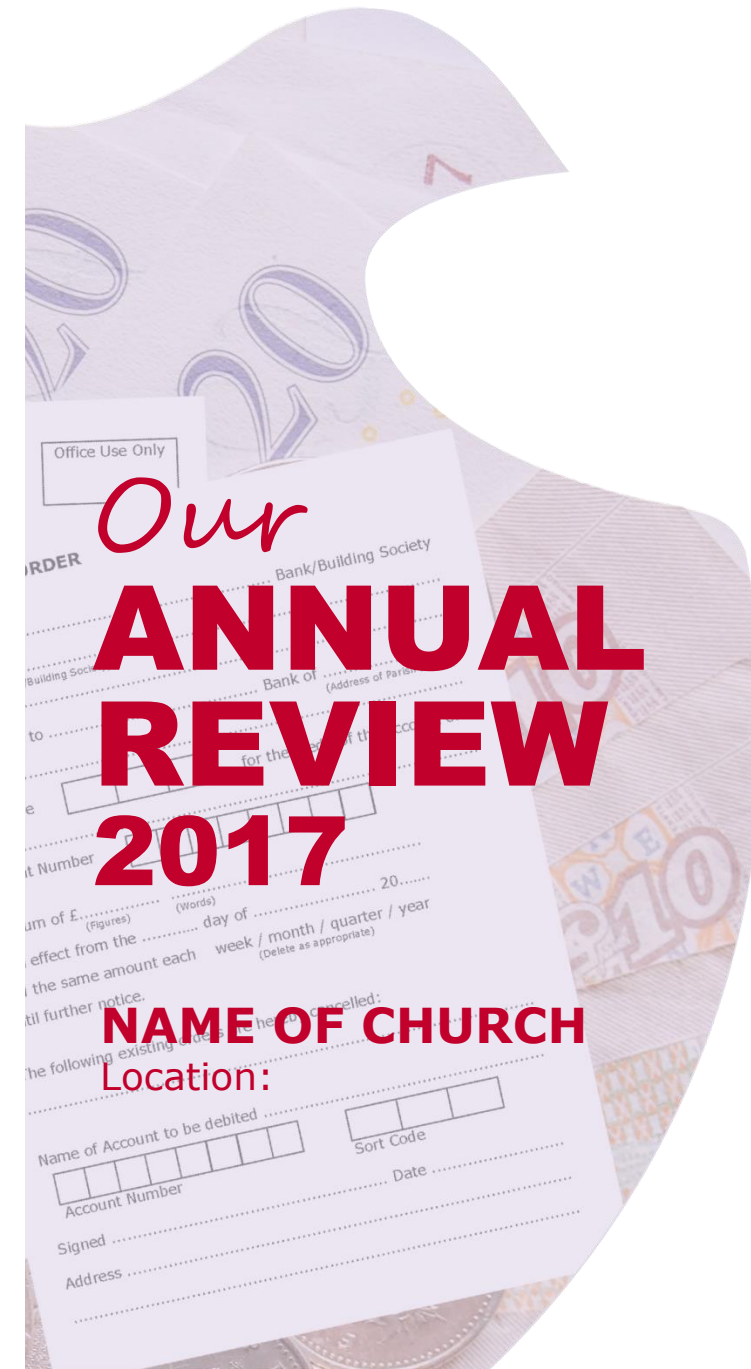
*And finally, to be really practical, if everyone increased their giving by just £1.50 a week we could achieve all our goals for this coming year.* We are all different. Some can give more and some can give less: what can you do?

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If you would like to know more about ways to give to **Name of church** simply complete the enclosed response form to our Planned Giving Officer/Other.

**OR:** if you want to know more about planned giving please contact our Planned Giving Officer/Other.

**Contact:**  
Name, address, phone and email  
as appropriate



## Past year

**As part of our mission last year we planned to:**

- Give new resources to our pastoral care team supporting the bereaved
- Pay for a youth worker to work eight hours a week with young people.
- Invest in training for house group and youth work leaders.
- Continue to develop our worship, prayer life, and our service to the community through our ministry to children and their families

By God's grace and with your help we have achieved all this - and more. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel, the commitment of your time, your skills and abilities and, of course, your generous giving to **Name of church**.

## Present situation

**The money we give makes possible the ministry of this church. It is that simple.**

This year our church needs **£xxx** per week for the work of ministry, worship, service and mission. This breaks down as:

**£xxx** on our share of clergy, housing, training and support costs

**£xxx** on our building, including insurance heat light etc.

**£xxx** on worship and ministry costs to and in the community, including our church hall

## Plans for our future

**We want our life and ministry to grow and develop and this year we see the following as our key priorities:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

And, of course, we must maintain our beautiful church building, our services and worship, pay our bills, support our organisations and ministry and service in our community. In fact, all those things that make up the life of **Name of church**.

## Planning our income

**To meet this challenge our planned income for this year looks like this, in weekly terms:**

**£xxx** from regular giving, including Gift Aid reclaimed from the Revenue

**£xxx** from fees, the church hall and our fundraising efforts

**£xxx** from interest and the careful use of some of our reserves

The largest share of this income is from the giving of our congregation.

To fund our ministry this year we will need an increase in weekly giving of **£xxx**.



**“ This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgiving to God. ”**

**2 Cor 9: 12**

**“ But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control. ”**

**Gal 5: 22**