

The Parish of All Saints', Gosforth
in the City and Diocese of Newcastle

To Planned Giving and Electoral Roll Members

7 December 2017

Dear Members,

All Saints' has recently adopted the strapline: 'The Community of All Saints': living, thoughtful, caring faith'. Our mission is to be at the heart of the wider community, to be an outward and inclusive church, serving the population of central and west Gosforth, our worship inspiring us to be transformed and to bring transformation.

In order for us to continue and develop our mission and ministry you will appreciate that All Saints' needs a solid financial base.

I am writing to you as Church Treasurer because I am concerned about our General Fund, which pays the day-to-day expenses of running our church. In a nutshell, our income is declining but our costs are going up. As you will know, inflation is increasing and this is affecting all aspects of our expenditure and we are being asked to increase our payment to the Diocese to fund its work.

It costs over £200,000 per annum to run the church. Whilst the church does have a few other sources of income, the main sources of finance will always be our wallets, purses and bank accounts. If we had more regular income money from planned giving we could devote a greater proportion to growth, mission, outreach and building up our fellowship in addition to simply paying the bills.

We are therefore asking all members of the planned giving to consider increasing their donation and asking other parishioners, not currently on the planned giving scheme, to join the scheme. If it helps, the average across the Church of England nationally is £11.96 per week and donations at All Saints' vary from about £1 per week to over £100 per week, but, of course, any level of Planned Giving donation, large or small, is welcomed by All Saints'. All Planned Giving donations are confidential to the Treasurer and the Planned Giving Officer only.

Increasing the donation or joining the scheme can be done by either completing the enclosed Standing Order form and submitting it to your bank or modifying or setting up a Standing Order online using the bank details contained on the form.

Donations from donors who are UK tax payers can be increased by 25% by claiming gift aid from the UK government. A form is enclosed for new members which allows us to claim this gift aid from the government. If this is applicable, you should complete the form and return it to either to me or Margaret Patterson.

A more detailed description of All Saints' financial situation is attached to this letter.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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