

Stewarding God's work



Giving to
St Mary's
East Leake



Thank you for your generosity

Your giving helps people grow in faith, flourish in discipleship and enables christian mission and ministry to happen both locally and in deprived areas all over Nottinghamshire. Anglican churches do not receive any government funding. It is all made possible by your giving, which is essential as we seek to bring the Gospel afresh to new and future generations. **Thank you!**

Beginning and Updating your giving

We are asking every member of the church family to prayerfully consider how they might play their part in the life and the work of St Mary's through planned giving in the year ahead.

If you are new to church or to regular giving: we really would encourage you to start giving regularly to the work God is doing among us. It costs around *£14,000 each month* to sustain our ongoing mission and ministry at St Mary's. That might sound a lot - but it is fairly typical for churches like ours. The majority of that comes from the monthly planned giving of our members.

Don't think that your contribution wouldn't make a difference, it does". The truth is, without all of our financial contributions, we will not be honouring one another, or honouring the work that we are seeking God to do through us.

If you give already, thank you for your generosity and commitment to the financial stewardship of the gospel. With the increased costs of the past few years, we are asking everyone who already gives, to review their giving as part of 'keeping up with inflation. But also remember giving is a calling that we grow in as we grow in faith. So if you have made a step forward in your faith over these past few years, don't be surprised if you find God asking you to let your giving reflect not just inflation, but a renewed passion for the work He is doing in you and others.

How to respond

Pray: Generosity and the good steward of God's kingdom and church are spiritual callings God has placed on every christian's heart. So talk to him about it in prayer, and ask him how best you can support his gospel work, with the money that he has given you.

Understand: Be realistic about what it costs to run the church and what you are able to contribute. Reflect on the teaching we will be doing in church on the heart and journey of giving, and the part we all play in resourcing God's work among us.

Act: There are different ways to give, but we encourage people to use 'the Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS). PGS are a church charity who help local congregations with giving, by managing for us the practicalities like gift aid and direct debits. It is completely free to you and the local church and St Mary's keep 100% of everything you give.



If you are new to PGS, you can sign up using the QR code opposite, or directly through the website: www.eastleakechurch.org/pgs

You can also use the same links to manage your existing PGS account online.

Traditional paper forms are also available from the back of church, and if you would still prefer to do you you giving through the traditional



standing order method, this can also be arranged, just speak to our Church treasurer Conrad Oatey treasurer@eastleakechurch.org (Tel: 01509 852549)

Remember: Thank you for whatever your contribution is, however small. Please know that it is valued and respected because it is your personal response to God.



How much to give?

Taking into account wider contributions to income, the cost of running St Mary's, met by its members, is around £80 per person per month. Although as things are, most of us give a lot less than this, relying instead on the generosity of others (past and present) to keep St Mary's financially sustainable:

In daily terms - that's around £2.60 a day, the cost of two loaves of bread.

In essence, you are being asked to contribute what's needed to receive both your own spiritual daily bread - and someone else's - who might be a teenager walking past church on a

Wednesday afternoon, a family living on universal credit in Clifton, or a persecuted church, supported by one of our mission partners.



Between us, this is something we should be able to manage, and if we are committed to stewarding and expanding God's work in East Leake, we must grow in giving together.

Legacies A number of people have generously remembered the ongoing work of St Mary's through legacies in their wills. If you would like to explore this further, please take a look at the information on the website or speak with our Treasurer.

For more information on how to go about giving, you can take a look at our website: eastleakechurch.org/giving

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