#### How you can help....

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

First, our giving needs to be realistic about the needs of the 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 would not be a living church serving 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 might mean giving by standing order and, if we pay UK tax, giving by Gift Aid.

And finally, to be really practical, if everyone increased their giving by £xxx per week (or £xxx per month), 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?

## How to give...





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### Church Name



# **Epiphany Gift** Sunday



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#### What we've been doing recently...

Last year, as part of our mission, we:

A big thank you to everyone who helped make these things happen

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

#### Our financial need

The ministry of this church is funded by the money we give.

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

- £xxxx on our share of clergy costs including stipend, housing, training (Ministry Offer)
- £xxxx on our building, including insurance, heat and light, church hall etc..
- £xxxx on worship and ministry costs

#### 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:

On top of all this, of course, we must maintain our beautiful church building, our services and worship, pay our bills, support our organisations, engage with those wishing to get married, those wishing for children to be baptised and those who have been bereaved in fact, all those things that make up the life of CHURCHNAME.

#### Planning our income

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

£xxxx from regular giving, including Gift Aid reclaimed from H M Revenue and Customs.

Exxxxx from fees, lettings and fundraising efforts.

£xxx from interest and the use of reserves.

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

To fund our ministry this year we will need an increase in weekly giving of £xxx per person (or monthly equivalent of £xxxxx)



"...yet what I can I give him..."

In the Bleak Midwinter, Christina Rosetti