

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 £x per 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?

How to give...

If you would like to know more about ways to give to St Anywhere's Church, Ourtown, simply complete the enclosed response form and send to our Treasurer/Planned Giving Officer.

Contact: Name, address, phone, email as appropriate

Or: use the QR code:



Our Annual Review - 2023

What we've been doing recently...

Last year, as part of our mission, we planned to:

- Appoint an Anna Chaplain to work with people with dementia and their carers
- Provide new equipment to our parents and toddlers group
- Provide a community warm space and "coffee and chat" sessions

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



This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgivings to God

2 Corinthians 9:12

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:

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

- Repairs to the roof in the chancel
- Providing and equipping an "Open the Book" team to share Bible stories with our local school
- Working with CPAS, our Mission Partners working to bring the Gospel to our brothers and sisters in South East Asia

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 St Anywhere's Church, Ourtown

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 H M Revenue and Customs

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

£xxx from our interest and careful use 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

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control

Galatians 5: 22