



# PARISH OF BERKSWICH

GOD'S LOVE IN COMMUNITY

## *Giving in the Parish*

Dear Friends

We all recognise the importance of All Saints, Holy Trinity, St Thomas', and all our work in our local area and Parish school. Our calling to live, bring and tell people in our homes and community about God's love for them has a tremendous impact on those around us. It is a real privilege to be called to serve in such a vibrant church at the heart of the community, and I continue to remain grateful to God for calling me to Berkswich and to such a loving, welcoming church family.

As a PCC, we are committed to helping our richly gifted church family continue to revitalise the church. Regularly reviewing our income is an important part in our journey.

This leaflet provides some information on opportunities to review our individual commitments, either as a regular or one-off donation.

With your support, we all continue to strive towards our vision for our church, and lay strong foundations for the future.

Fr Graham

# Practising Generosity

We seek to engage with our local community, encourage each other in our own calling, and to serve each other and our neighbours. By doing so we will continue as a welcoming and inclusive church family, without walls to the community, spirit led, bible focused, gospel shared and Jesus centred.

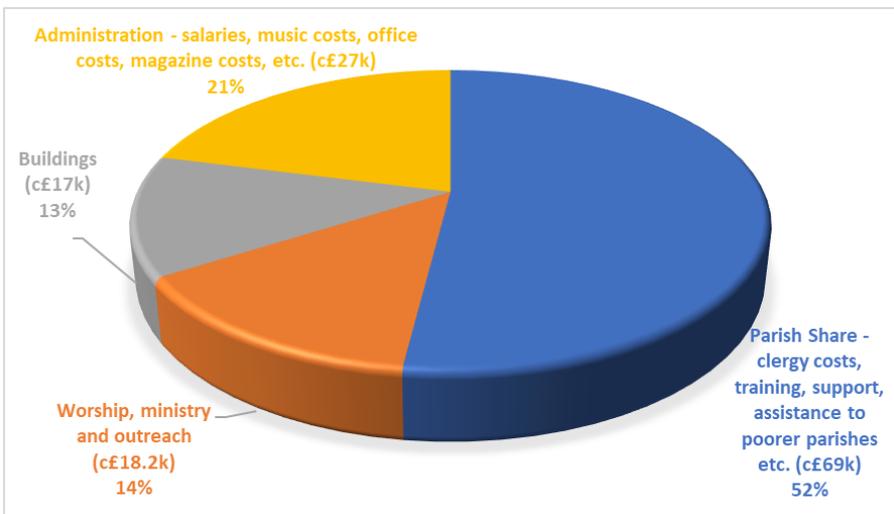
## What we hope to do

- ◆ Continue holding worship that is accessible to people of all ages and stages of faith, and to those who are searching or unsure.
- ◆ Deepen opportunities for outreach with children, youth, families and the elderly.
- ◆ Continue to improve access within our buildings, by investigating lottery funding to help develop toilet, kitchen, and other facilities accessible for all.

## Your Giving

Firstly a thank you – giving and gratitude go together. We give out of gratitude for what we receive from God. Also, we continue to be grateful for those, who, even in these difficult financial times, give regularly and sacrificially to support the work of God and this Parish.

## How much does it cost to run the Parish?



## Where does the money come from?

We receive no local or national government funding, and while our diocese support us through paying clergy costs, and giving training and central administrative support, our parish largely relies upon the generous financial support from those who regularly attend church, and around 75% of our income comes through regular planned giving. As a charity, the church benefits from tax recovery available through Gift Aid.

### Estimated Income Budget for 2019

Planned Regular Giving from our Congregation	£51,000
Collections, donations, occasional gift aid envelopes	£8,000
Tax Recovery - Gift Aid	£14,000
Social events, Fees, Investment Income	£48,000

## Our Financial Target for 2019

To maintain and develop our existing ministry in line with our vision, we would love to raise £5,000 (10%) extra in giving, yielding an additional £416.00 per month.

## How could this be achieved?

In FY 2018, there were 122 households giving regularly to the church – are you one of them?

Think what difference small increases could give if we all to give an extra

**£2 p/w** (the cost of a takeaway coffee) = an increase in £13,440

**£4 p/w** (a pint of beer & packet of crisps) = an increase in £26,880

**£6 p/w** (a bottle of wine or weekly paper bill) = an increase in £40,320

*We would love you to prayerfully consider if you would be willing to continue to support our Parish.*

## How you can help

- ◆ If you are not yet a regular giver to the Church, please pray about whether you could consider regular, planned giving.
- ◆ If you are an existing regular giver, please consider increasing your gift.
- ◆ If possible, please make your giving regular by donating through Direct Debit or Standing Order. With Direct Debit, the diocese will set things up with your bank on your behalf, and increase or decrease the figures annually to account for inflation (based on RPI).
- ◆ Take advantage of Gift Aid by signing the declaration form. This means that for every £1.00 you give to the church, we will receive £1.25
- ◆ We now accept contactless giving during the 10.30 at Holy Trinity – the terminal at the back of the church can be used to donate £5, £10, £15 or £20.

## Your Response

If you give currently, please consider reviewing the amount. If you wish to give by Direct Debit, please complete the separate form and send to the Diocese (or drop it into to the parish office and we can send it for you). If you would rather give by Standing Order, please let us know and we can give you the details. If you have any questions, please speak to Julie Morrison, our Planned Giving Officer.

## Our Future

We have a vision for growth of our congregations and our community outreach. What we require is faith, boldness and generosity in our giving according to our circumstances. I am certain that by God's grace and our commitment we will have the resources to lay hold of these opportunities.

## Our Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of life, love and your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to be generous in return, and support our Parish as it seeks to serve you and proclaim the Gospel afresh to each generation. Amen

