



St Mary's & Christ Church Ely

Finance Facts 2018

Regular Giving

Financial giving is an **essential part of our worship**, and church members are encouraged to plan their giving on a monthly basis as this enables us to plan our finances properly.

- Most people give by bank transfer; we use the **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**, and we ask donors to set up their Direct Debits via **PGS**. A PGS form is enclosed; please send completed forms to PGS.
- If you are a taxpayer please sign the **Gift Aid** declaration on the PGS form. This increases your gift by 25% at no cost to yourself. Last year Gift Aid was worth £27,500 to us.

Other Giving

- **Cash Gifts** may be given during services; please use the **yellow envelopes** if you pay tax.
- To make a gift for our **Mission Projects** please use the **white envelopes**.
- To support our **Building Transformation Project**, please speak to one of the Finance Team (see below).
- Please consider leaving a **legacy** to the church in your will. Such donations enable us to refurbish part of the building or install new equipment. A legacies leaflet is available.

Our Income

With the exception of a small amount of interest, some wedding & funeral fees, and rental of our buildings, all our **income comes from church members**, so please think realistically when deciding what to give.

Of course, not everybody will give the same amount; some can afford to give more, some less. The Bible talks of giving sacrificially, and of giving a percentage of your income (1 Corinthians 16:2); **'tithing' (10% of income)** is a good biblical starting point. Everyone should give willingly and not under compulsion, the motivation being Jesus and his generosity to us (2 Corinthians 9:1-15).



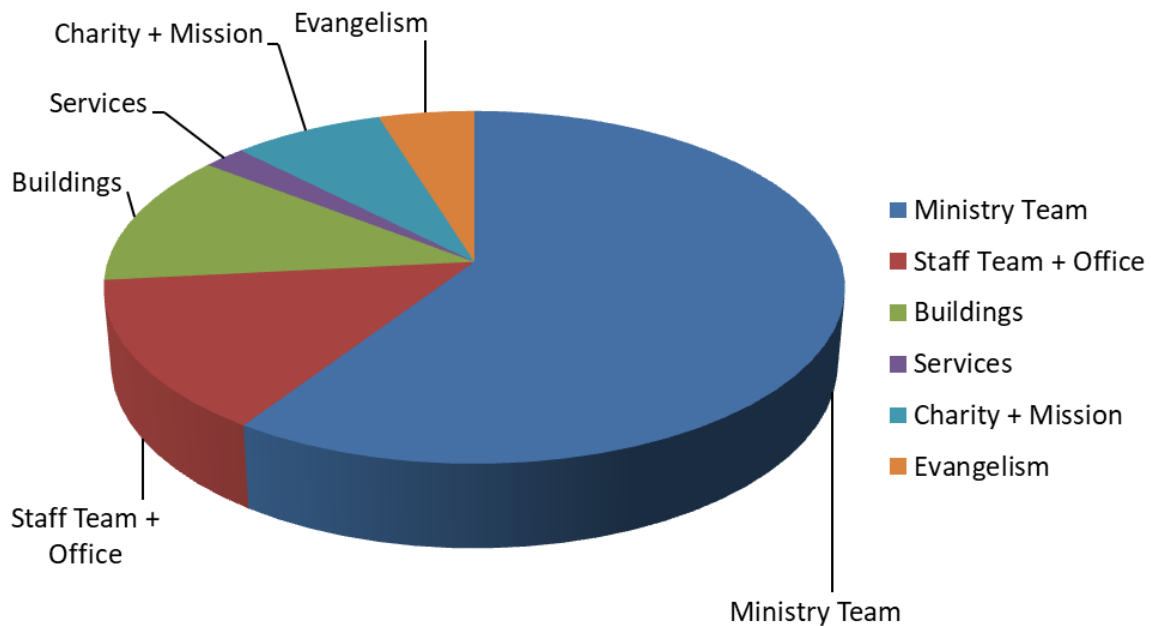
"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Our Spending

Our 2018 budget for ministry and mission (excluding the Building Project) is **£217,228**.

This is **£18,000 a month** or **£4,200 a week**; on average about **£1,050** a year for each household

How the money is used:



Response

Please consider your finances carefully, pray, discuss with those in your household and then decide what your giving this year will be. Then simply fill in the form and post it to:

Parish Giving Scheme, Church House, College Green, Gloucester GL1 2LY.

All information on your giving is confidential. Only the four members of the Finance Team (listed below) see it; neither the clergy nor anyone else will know how much you give.

If you need more information please speak to one of the Team:

Finance Team

Piers Coutts, Treasurer
Paul Smyth, Deputy Treasurer
Derek Tye, Churchwarden
Christine Watson, Churchwarden



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