



St Mary's & Christ Church Ely

Finance Facts 2021

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**. Register with PGS online at www.parishgiving.org.uk – simply search for St Mary's Ely to find our page. If you prefer PGS forms are available in Church or from the Church Office.
- If you are a taxpayer please sign the PGS **Gift Aid** declaration. This increases your gift by 25% at no cost to yourself. Last year Gift Aid was worth over **£32,000** 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 **Charity and Mission Projects** please see **the website** or use the **white envelopes**.
- **Contactless** card donations of up to £30 can be made in St Mary's via the terminal near the door.
- To support our **Building Transformation Project (BTP)**, speak to one of the Finance Team (see below).
- Please consider leaving a **legacy** to the church in your will. Such donations will enable us to refurbish parts 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.

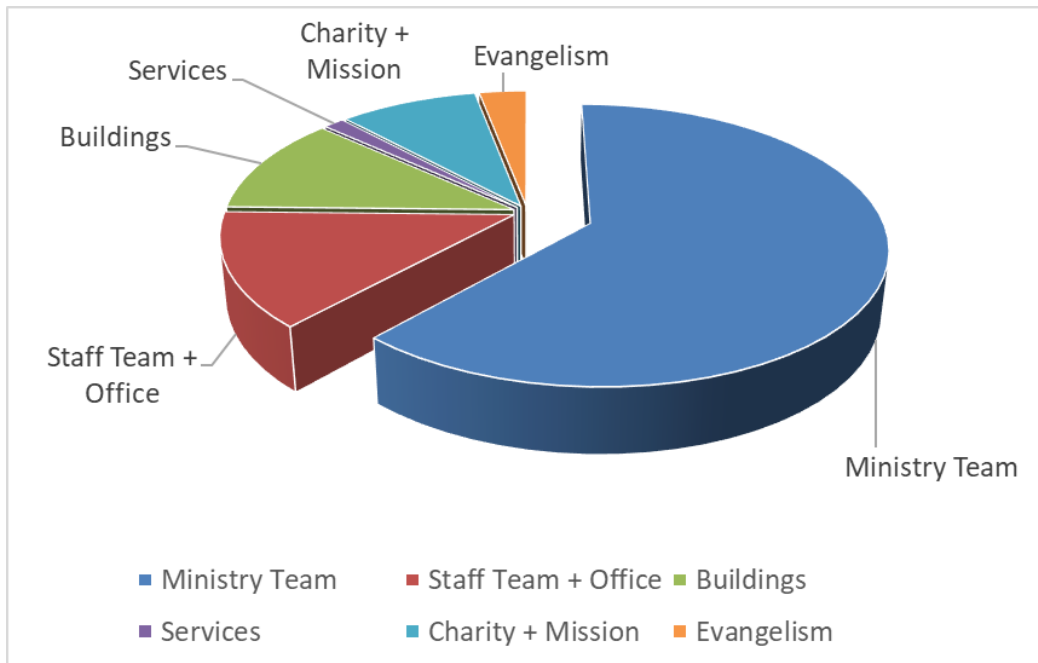
Of course, not everybody will give the same amount; some can afford to give more, some less. The Bible talks of giving sacrificially, and of giving a percentage of your income (1 Corinthians 16:2); **'tithing' (10% of income)** is a good biblical starting point. Everyone should give willingly and not 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 2021 budget for ministry and mission (excluding the Building Transformation Project) is **£212,421**. This is **£17,702 a month** or **£4,085 a week**; on average about **£1,000** a year for each household. In addition we hope to raise at least another **£9,900** for our charity and mission projects. 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 register with PGS online at www.parishgiving.org.uk – simply search for St Mary’s Ely to find our page – or if you prefer complete a PGS form and post it to:

Parish Giving Scheme, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester. GL1 3BD.

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

Finance Team

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

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



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