

## How should I give?

Regular, planned giving is an important part of Stewardship. It also enables us to plan our ministry, knowing the income we are going to receive. Most people give through a monthly Standing Order or using weekly envelopes.

## Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a UK tax payer, please complete this declaration and return it to Chris Kennedy, Stewardship Officer, or pass it to a Church Warden or member of the Welcome Team.

Title.....Forenames.....

Surname.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

I declare that I am a UK taxpayer. I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax for each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

Signed.....

Date.....

## Giving by Envelopes

If you would like to give using the coloured envelopes, please contact the Stewardship Officer via the Parish Office.

## Standing order Mandate

**Please send this direct to your bank, or use the information to set up payments on-line.**

To the Manager,.....  
(name of bank/building society etc)

Please pay HSBC Bank, Stratford-upon-Avon Branch (40-43-19) for the credit of Stratford-upon-Avon Parochial Church Council (Account 20649430) the sum of £.....

(amount in words).....

Commencing on.....(date)

And at weekly/monthly/quarterly/annual \* intervals thereafter, until cancelled by me/us in writing.

Please cancel any previous mandate in my name to the credit of the said Parochial Church Council.

Name of account to be debited.....

Account number.....

Signed.....

Date.....

\*delete those intervals which are not applicable

**Please be sure also to complete the Gift Aid Declaration opposite and return this to the Stewardship Officer, who will be happy to meet and talk with you if you have any questions.**

**The Parish Office, Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon. CV37 6BG.**  
**01789 266316 [office@stratford-upon-avon.org](mailto:office@stratford-upon-avon.org)**

# Stewardship at Holy Trinity

Stratford-upon-Avon



**Supporting your church financially with planned giving**



Holy Trinity is a thriving and active parish church, making a real difference to many people's lives through God's love made known in Jesus Christ.



**In order to sustain our worship and ministry for people of all ages, we rely on the generous contribution of time, talents and money from all those who are part of the church.**

### **Giving back**

Stewardship starts with recognising that all we have comes from God, and that we are responsible for using our resources according to God's will.



### **Stewardship is Spiritual**

Jesus reminds us "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Our attitude to giving shapes who we are as a community of faith. Just as God generously gave himself to us through Christ, we are called to generously give of ourselves to continue this mission that Jesus proclaimed in his life. Stewardship is a spiritual practice. When we give of our material resources to support the life and work of the Church, then we are, in a real way, declaring the Good News of abundant life. We are testifying with our resources to a vision of the world that is not self-serving, but deeply concerned with the life and well-being of others.

### **Paying the bills**

The staffing, heating, lighting and upkeep of the the church building and Parish Centre cost around a quarter of a million pounds a year.

### **Income from visitors**

We are fortunate in that the income from our tourist visitors goes towards these costs, along with funds raised by The Friends of Shakespeare's Church and Parish Centre lettings.



### **Funding Ministry**

It is worshippers themselves, however, who must take responsibility for the costs of the ministry and mission of the parish, which only we can meet. As a parish we get no national or local government financial support and are responsible for meeting all our costs. Most of our income goes to the cost of our clergy and is paid to the Diocese, currently about £125,000 a year. Other significant costs are music and ministry to children and young people.

Our total costs for worship, ministry and mission are about £3,500 a week, **an average of £12 per week for each worshipper.**