

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 wish Gift Aid to apply to all donations I make in the future or have made in the last 4 years to Holy Trinity Church charity number 1128665. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify the Charity if you wish to cancel this declaration or change any details.

If you pay income tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HRMC Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

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 number 20649430) the sum of £.....
(amount in words).....

Commencing on (date).....

and at weekly/monthly/quarterly/annual/ intervals thereafter, (*delete those intervals which are not applicable*) 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.....

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.

Stewardship at Holy Trinity

Supporting your church financially with
planned giving



Photo Harry Lomax

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.



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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.



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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 church building and Parish Centre cost around a quarter of a million pounds a year

Income from visitors

We are fortunate 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



Photo William Mulryne

Funding Ministry

It is worshippers themselves, however, who must take responsibility for the costs of our 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 of Coventry, currently about £140,000 a year. Other significant costs are music and ministry to children and families. Our total costs for worship, ministry and mission are about £4,000 a week, **almost £14 per week for each worshipper.**