

PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS)

for PCCs

explained



Christ Church, Bradford on Avon

What does our church need to do next?

- Pray.
- Pass a PCC resolution, “We, the PCC of, request the PGS to commence operation on our behalf”.
- Register your church with PGS using the form available from Carolyn Cropp on 01722 411 955 or carolyn.cropp@salisbury.anglican.org.

Please also contact Carolyn Cropp for more information about the scheme in general.

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“A convenient, effective way of giving, lowering the admin burden for the PCC”

Peter, Bishop’s Cannings

“It helps cash flow and guarantees my giving keeps up with future costs”

John, St James’, Devizes



A better way to encourage giving in your church

PGS is a national scheme which helps people plan their church giving, and helps parishes improve their financial planning. This enables churches to focus on ministry and mission, renewing our hope.

PGS enables people to give money to their church by Direct Debit for the first time. The administration is carried out centrally, with the donation and associated Gift Aid flowing directly to the parish. The cost is shared around the Diocese and is around 60p per fairer share member per year.

Whether people currently give by Standing Order, envelope, or open plate, they can easily make the switch to this secure and efficient system.

PGS already has 20,000 donors from over a thousand participating parishes. It is tried, tested, and highly recommended.



Watercombe Benefice, 2017



Your parish benefits by...

- Stable and often increased planned giving, offsetting “static” giving.
- Gift Aid is automatically claimed for your church, meaning less work for your treasurer and Gift Aid secretary.
- Improved and more predictable cashflow.
- Protection against inflation by church members choosing to increase their gift at the annual inflation rate.

- Improved security by reducing cash management.
- The Direct Debit Guarantee, meaning gifts are safe and secure.

The scheme...

- Collects regular donations.
- Claims Gift Aid.
- Pays the donated amount into your PCC account within 10 days.
- Writes a thank you letter to donors on behalf of the church.
- Provides the popular option for donors to inflation proof or increase their giving.
- Provides monthly statements of giving to each parish treasurer.

Why should we adopt this scheme?

If the PGS becomes the principal funding method for your church, you will help inflation proof your giving, maximise your cash-flow, and minimise your administration. It also gives an excellent opportunity to talk about money and bring about a change in all our attitudes to giving.

How soon will we see the money?

The donated amount will be paid into your PCC account within ten days. Gift Aid will follow as soon as it is paid by HMRC.

How much does PGS cost?

The cost of PGS is covered by Fairer Share. It amounts to around 60p per fairer share church member per year.

Will parishioners be happy about the idea?

The scheme already operates in fifteen other dioceses with over a thousand participating parishes and 20,000 donors. Churches and donors have warmly welcomed the secure, confidential, easy to use scheme and the unique option to increase gifts annually in line with inflation.

How important is inflation proofing?

A £10 weekly donation with Gift Aid, moving to the scheme in 2017, would on current trends bring in an extra £146 per year by 2027.

