



St George the Martyr

## **Giving to the Church**

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Dear friends,

A huge thank you to all those who support the life of St George's Church in all sorts of ways. Even with the buildings locked volunteers are continuing to help support our community life, often behind the scenes and in many different practical ways. Our Vicar and clergy team are working full-time and report how encouraged they are by the kindness and community spirit in evidence all over Wash Common.

We are also very grateful to those who support St George's financially. We know that some people are on reduced incomes at this time and some are really struggling to make ends meet – if this is you, please ignore the rest of this letter, and don't hesitate to be in touch with our clergy if you need help. St George's is here for you.

For those who feel able to continue, or increase, their giving to St George's please read on.

Those in the congregation who normally contribute by placing cash or envelopes onto the plate may wish to reconsider this approach, as we are clearly currently not able to receive this income on a regular weekly basis. The result is that our actual income this year is falling behind our initial budget, while our expenditure remains largely unaltered.

### **The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**

#### **1. How to join**

We would love it if you took this opportunity to join the Parish Giving Scheme and this can now be done by phone. The number to call is **0333 002 1271**. You will need to provide the following information to set up a new Direct Debit:

**Your name and contact particulars:** Address, telephone, e-mail

**Your bank account details:** Account name, sort code and number

**The Church you wish to support:** St George, Wash Common, Oxford Diocese

**The amount of your monthly donation:** add the amount

**Do you agree to an annual inflationary increase on your donation?** Yes/No

**Are you a UK taxpayer and do you wish to Gift Aid your donation?** Yes/No

**The PGS code for St. George's:** 270627435

You will receive written confirmation (by email or post) of your new Direct Debit, including confirmation that you are supporting St George's, the amount of the monthly gift and the date of your first donation.

Please note that, if you currently give to St. George's via a Standing Order, please wait until receiving the confirmation letter from PGS before cancelling the Standing Order.

## **2. Continued support via the PGS**

Thank you also to those on The Parish Giving Scheme for your first year of giving through this method. If you elected to have an annual inflation adjustment to your Direct Debit the increase of 2.5% will be applied on the anniversary of your joining the PGS.

If you are in the Parish Giving Scheme, and you did not elect the automatic inflation linking option, please take a moment to reassess your giving. You can amend the amount of your monthly Direct Debit by calling **0333 002 1271**.

### **Making donations**

If the PGS is not for you then donations can be made directly into the Church bank account. This can be done by electronic funds transfer to: St George's Church, Metro Bank plc, a/c 31992257, sort code 23-05-80. Please use your Initials and Surname as the reference.

If you need any further information, please contact Philip Read on 07525-261139 or by e-mail to [philipread47@btinternet.com](mailto:philipread47@btinternet.com)

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry and mission of St George's Church.

Simon Pook and Rita Gardner, Churchwardens  
Glenn Wycherley, Treasurer  
Philip Read, Planned Giving Officer