

Go with the flow

Do you give regularly to the parish ?

YES, by standing Order / envelopes/ swipe

YES, loose in the collection plate

NO, I don't give regularly

Could you give a little more?

YES

NO

Do you pay income tax on your earnings / pension?

YES

NO

If you pay by **standing order** through your bank , please instruct your bank to pay the new amount.

Envelopes weekly

Complete the Our giving form.

Swipe payments— simply change the amount you pay.

Are you a taxpayer?

YES

Are you signed up to Gift Aid?

NO

YES

NO

If you sign up to give regularly and pay through your bank, swipe or weekly envelopes in the collection plate, we can claim Gift Aid. This adds 25% to your donation and costs you nothing if you pay more tax in the year than we claim.

Would you be interested in giving regularly and or signing up for Gift Aid.

YES

NO

If you are able to give regularly, it helps the church to plan and manage finances better. You can pay through your bank or weekly envelopes in the collection plate or swipe at the back of church.

If you are a tax payer, we can claim Gift Aid on your giving. This adds 25% to your donation and costs you nothing if you pay more tax in the year than we claim.

Simply complete the Our Giving form and the Gift Aid section , (if you are a tax payer)

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Thank you

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St Thomas More Church

Our journey through Lent as a parish

Looking at ourselves.

Offerings to the church.

Volunteering our time.

Eucharist and prayer

**We are responsible for our Parish,
for making it what it is and what it is to become.**

We have running costs and buildings to maintain, not just for ourselves but for future generations.

Some Facts:

- ⇒ There is a misunderstanding that the Church is rich – we as a Parish have to pay ALL the running costs of the church, hall and priest's house, as well as a Diocese levy.
- ⇒ The parish is reliant on parishioner's donations, fundraising events and hall bookings to meet these costs.
- ⇒ In 2022 the parish spent £7,000 more than it brought in – that's a shortfall of over £140 per week.
- ⇒ In 2023 we broke even, but there was nothing put to reserves for major projects or unexpected emergency repairs.

What can I do to help?

- ◆ Lent is a time for us to reflect and review our position with regards to giving.
- ◆ It may be that we already give as much as we can afford, for which the parish is truly grateful or maybe the amount we donate has remained at the same level for many years and could be increased.
- ◆ Perhaps we don't give regularly and haven't really thought about it before. Perhaps we are tax payers but haven't signed up to Gift Aid which is worth an extra 25% on top of the donation, an opportunity for you as a taxpayer to decide where your tax goes.

If you are unable to give more each week, perhaps you could give in different ways such as supporting fund raising events, offering to run an event or giving physical donations when appeals are made for the Fayres.

If every family in the parish were able to donate an extra £1 per week,

Thank you

it would increase the parish income by over £5000 a year.

Thank you

Please read 'Go with the Flow' on the back of this sheet for further information on giving.

....and the greatest of these is LOVE 1 Corinthians 13:13