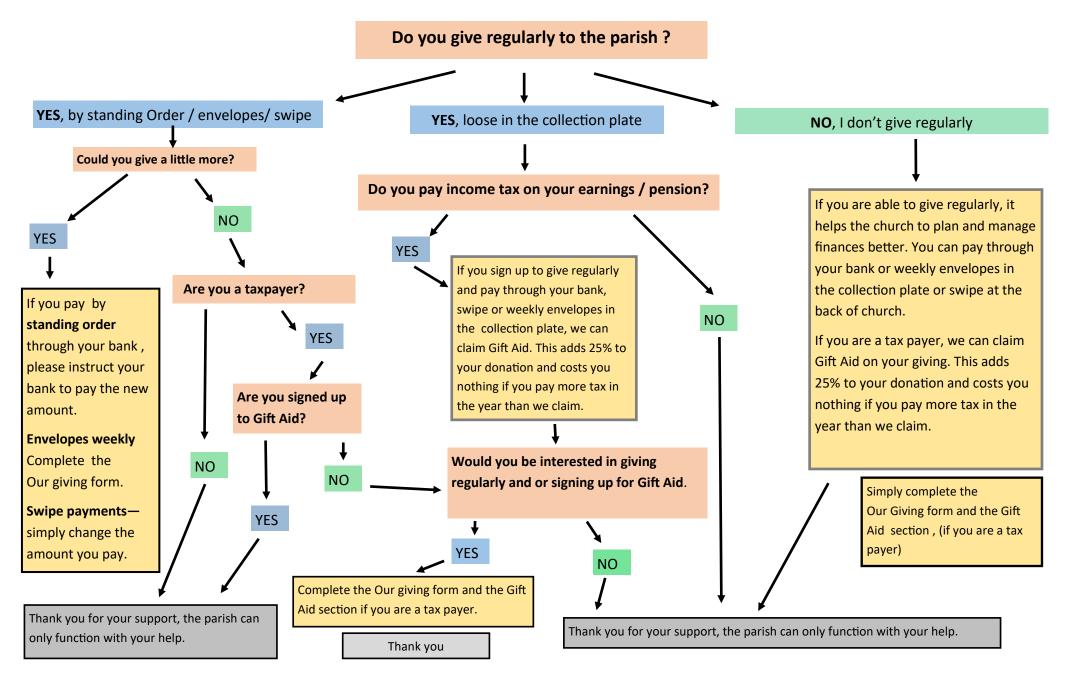
Go with the flow



St Thomas More Church

Our journey through Lent as a parish

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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.

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