



A simple way to give to your church

St John the Evangelist, Hurst Green



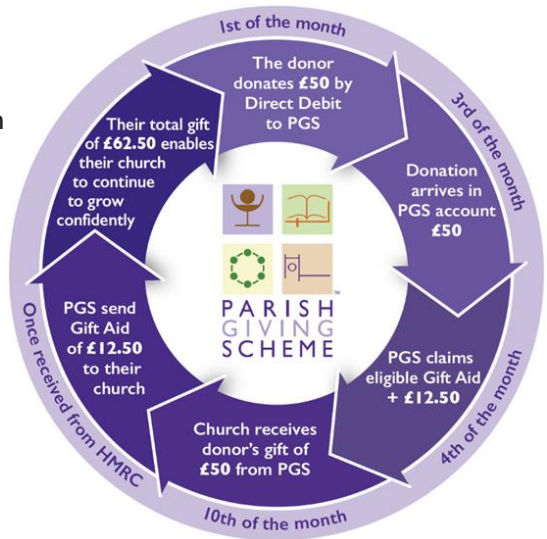
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Thank you for your support for our church. The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a new, free way to help you plan your giving and, where appropriate, to do so tax efficiently.

Whether you currently pay by standing order, envelope or open plate, you can easily make the switch to this secure and efficient Direct Debit system.

Used by the majority of Dioceses, the PGS is tried, tested and highly recommended for its reliability and ease of use, and can help you manage your giving in a stress-free way.

This leaflet supplements the information in the PGS gift form.



How does the PGS work?

You give your regular donations to your church via the PGS by Direct Debit on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis on the 1st of the month. Your full gift and any associated Gift Aid is automatically credited to your church in the same month.

At any time you can change or cancel the amount by a simple phone call, so you can confirm the amount you give before your account is debited.

You can choose to inflation-proof your gift which will make a huge difference to your church's finances.

Why does inflation matter?

Our church, like every household, is hit by inflation. If your giving does not keep pace with the increasing costs, then it becomes worth less over time.

The PGS tackles this by enabling you to choose the popular option and increase your giving annually in line with inflation. You simply tick the necessary box on the gift form, or agree on the phone, to authorise an inflationary increase.

If you choose this option, the Parish Giving Team will send you an annual inflationary letter to keep you in total control.

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“ John, Church Treasurer
Simple and reliable ”

Why give in a new way?

Giving by individuals is essential to secure our church's ability to serve its community and share our faith and God's love with those around us. For our church to grow and plan for the future, we rely on your regular gifts.

How much you give is a matter for your personal and prayerful reflection, as we respond to God's grace and generosity.

Money dominates too many agendas in our church and takes up a lot of time in counting it, administering it and claiming Gift Aid. If you sign up to the PGS, more of your money and our volunteers' time can be devoted to God's mission.

What do I do next?

Your PCC has already signed up to the PGS. All you need to do is to complete a Gift Form or make a telephone call.

You can set up a regular gift to your parish by calling the dedicated telephone line: 0333 002 1271. One of the PGS administrators will take you through the sign-up process – this normally takes around 15 minutes. You will need to have the following information:

- your personal bank account details
- the name of our parish, **“St John the Evangelist RH8, Diocese of Southwark”**
- the PGS code for your parish: **370637121**
- whether you want to increase your gift in line with inflationary increase each year
- whether you are eligible for Gift Aid

Alternatively, download the Gift Form from our church website; if you have any queries our Treasurer will be happy to help. You will need to complete the form, choose the necessary box on the Gift Form to select an inflationary increase or not, and post the form back to PGS office's address.

If you currently give by standing order you will need to cancel the payment details either in person, by telephone or online. We recommend waiting until you have received your welcome letter from PGS.

You can also choose to give anonymously and your church will be notified only of the amount of your gift.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name(s): _____

Surname(s): _____

Full home address: _____

YES I wish to give a regular donation for my church

I wish my donation to be used solely for the benefit of

Church/Parish name:

PGS Parish code:

In the village/town/city of:

In the Diocese of:

I wish to support my parish in the future by agreeing to an annual inflationary increase on my gift. Please tick **Yes**

I understand that the new amount will be communicated to me by

“ Sue, Parishoner
Signing up by phone could not have been easier. ”

“For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” | *Chronicles 29:14 NRSV*

Everyone benefits

- ✓ You are in total control of the amount you give.
- ✓ The Direct Debit guarantee means your gift is safe and secure.
- ✓ Gift Aid is automatically claimed for the church, which means reduced administration and less work for your Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary.
- ✓ You can choose to automatically increase your gift annually by inflation.
- ✓ You can have tokens to put on to the open plate to reflect your generous giving.
- ✓ Help is available from Southwark Diocese and the Parish Giving Scheme, a UK-based charity in partnership with all the Dioceses in the scheme.
- ✓ So why not sign up for this simple, tax-efficient method of giving that benefits you and your church?

Questions

If you have any further questions, please contact your **PGS Project Leader:**
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