

Giving Update

September 2017



"Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all things, you may abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

The gospel is about God's generosity to us in Jesus Christ. We worship him through generosity with our finances as well as in many other ways. In particular, we give money so that the message of God's generosity can be made known to more and more people.

The funds for staffing our church, as well as the upkeep of the building and so on, are the responsibility of the congregation. We don't receive regular funding from the government or from the Church of England centrally.

At the start of this year we started paying for Andy's two days a week with us, and in July Kate started work for us full-time. Kate and Andy make a massive difference to our capacity and mission as a church. Thankfully, we can afford this at the moment because we have some money in the bank from prior years, including one-off income such as car park and filming fees. However, our regular income does not yet meet our regular planned expenditure.

Last year, we set ourselves the target of increasing regular planned giving by 20% to be confident of being able to afford our investment in staff over the longer term. We are making good progress but are not there yet.

Please will you reflect prayerfully on your support for St Anne's? The amount that we can each give will vary, but the principle is for us to be partnering generously and joyfully in God's work however we are able.

Please see overleaf for details of how to give. For more information, please speak to the Treasurer, Hazel Parker-Brown (hcparkerbrown@hotmail.com).

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How to give:

1. Regular planned giving

Giving a regular amount each month is most helpful for church planning (and perhaps for you).

- Parish Giving Scheme - this allows tax to be claimed back automatically. Pick up a form for details. Remember to cancel any existing standing orders to St Anne's if you choose to switch to PGS. This is our preferred option for you to use if possible!
- Standing order - if you don't want to use PGS, you can still give by standing order. Contact your bank to revise your regular contribution, or get a new standing order form (with the new bank account details) from Hazel or from the web site.

2. One-off giving

- Online - you can now give to St Anne's online (and claim gift aid) at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/stanneschurchlimehouse>.
- Cheque - payable to 'St Anne's Limehouse' and handed to the treasurer or put in the collection bag. If you're a tax-payer please fill in a gift aid form.
- Cash - you're still welcome to give cash through Sunday collections!

3. Legacies

- Please speak to Hazel if you would like advice on how to leave money to St Anne's tax-efficiently in your will.