

How much to Give

We're all different; so are our circumstances. There is no easy answer and we must pray about it and make our own decisions. But here are some things to consider.

First, our giving needs to be realistic about the needs of our church so we can pay our bills and maintain our church for today and tomorrow.

Second, our giving makes possible the life, ministry and mission of our church. Without it we could not be a living church and serve our community.

Third, generosity is part of our Christian faith. As we give freely to our loved ones so we give generously to God, honouring him and saying thank you for all he gives to us.

Fourth, good giving needs planning and must be a priority. Practically, this may mean giving by weekly envelopes, by a Standing Order or Direct Debit and, if we pay UK tax, giving by Gift Aid. For more information see below.

And finally, to be really practical, if everyone *increased* their giving by just 10% a week we could achieve all our goals for this coming year. We are all different. Some can give more and some can give less: what can you do?

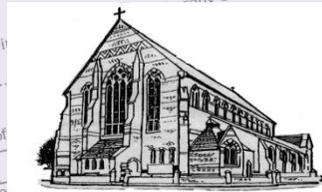
How to give

As a church we are reviewing our giving for the coming year. Please could you complete the enclosed form. If you would like to know more about ways to give to St Simons simply complete the enclosed response form and return to the Parish Office.

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Our ANNUAL REVIEW 2019

St Simon's Southsea



Past year

As part of our mission last year we planned to:

- continue to support and provide 5 members of staff to develop and further our work at St Simons.
- partner with 6 charities/organisations as mission partners.
- undertake important building work on our roof and electrics.

By God's grace and with your help we have achieved all this - and more. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel, the commitment of your time, your skills and abilities and, of course, your generous giving to St Simons Church.

This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

2 Cor 9:12

Present situation

The money we give makes possible the ministry of this church. It is that simple.

This year our church needs **£2252** per week for the work of ministry, worship, service and mission. This breaks down as:

£748 on our share of clergy, housing, training and support costs

£100 on our building, including insurance heat light etc.

£361 on worship and ministry costs to and in the community, including our church hall

£250 towards Mission Partnerships.

£793 on Administrator, Caretaker Cleaner, Community worker and Staff wages.

Plans for our future

We want our life and ministry to grow and develop and this year we see the following as our key priorities:

1. To seek to employ a youth worker to develop the ministry with our young people.
2. To consider ways of growing and developing our work in the community further.
3. To partner with other organisations in mission.
4. To undertake building work projects such as heating in the main church and the renovation of the lower and upper halls.

And, of course, we must maintain our beautiful church building, our services and worship, pay our bills, support our organisations and ministry and service in our community. In fact, all those things that make up the life of St Simons.

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self control.

Gal 5:22

Planning our income

To meet this challenge we need to prayerfully consider and review our giving as a church:

If everyone were able to consider giving 5% more this year we would be secure for the year. (That is 5p for every £1)

If everyone were able to consider giving 10% more this year it would make a big difference. (That is 10p for every £1).