



ST MICHAEL AND
ALL ANGELS CHURCH
CHERITON

WE NEED
YOUR HELP
PLEASE

What's up?

Our regular income isn't enough to cover our routine expenses.

Why not have an appeal?

An appeal would raise a sum of money which would gradually be used up and then we would be back where we started. Fund raising activities are hard work, and in any case we already do that with the talks and the fete, so the challenge is to sort this out for the long term.

So what's the answer?

We need more people to make regular gifts – planned giving. This is an opportunity to show commitment to having a church in the village. Whether you come to church or not it is there for everyone. It has been here for a thousand years and it's up to us to keep it in good shape for generations to come.



How much do you need?

Well at present regular yearly expenses are roughly:

Common Mission Fund	£33,000
Insurance	£2,000
Cleaning	£1,000
Choir and organist	£3,000
Electricity	£1,000
Heating	£2,000
Routine maintenance of church and churchyard	£2,000
Other miscellaneous expenses	£2,000
Total	£46,000

And routine yearly income is roughly:

Planned giving (envelopes and bank transfers)	£16,000
Other giving (cash in plate)	£3,000
Gift Aid	£5,000
Cheriton talks (net)	£8,000
Fete (net and halved because it happens every other year)	£3,000
Fees (weddings and funerals) – variable but typically	£3,000
Harfield trust	£1,000
Other miscellaneous income (e.g. Café on the Green)	£1,000
Total	£40,000

So the shortfall is about £6,000. However, the Common Mission Fund goes up each year and so to put ourselves into a comfortable position we need another £10,000 a year. That's on the assumption the talks and fete both continue.

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What's the Common Mission Fund?

It's the money we pay to Winchester Diocese. Most of it goes to support the clergy (stipend and accommodation) but it also helps to provide training for Licensed Lay Ministers and others who support the work of the church. Obviously the Diocese has central overheads as well. We have information about how it's spent if you would like to see more detail.

What's the best way to make a regular gift?

There's a scheme called Parish Giving which we want to encourage people to use because it makes life easier for everyone. It's run by the Diocese of Gloucester and they don't make any charge.

How does it make life easier?

You don't have to worry about finding money to take to church each week (you will be offered tokens when you arrive in church to use instead) and you won't have a conscience if you miss a Sunday! There are advantages for our treasurer too. She won't have to bank the cash (a really tedious job) or make the Gift Aid claims (as they are done centrally). Also, we can plan the church finances better if we know we can count on regular giving.

Don't you have money from the sale of the Village Hall?

Yes we do, but that is going to be used to pay for improvements to the church. We feel it is important that villagers who gave to purchase the hall can see that money reinvested in the village. We have lots of exciting plans and will be happy to share them with you.



I'd like to know how my money is being spent

That's easy. We produce accounts each year, so the first thing you can do is come to the Annual Meeting and look at the accounts. Anyone on the Church Roll can do that. If you would like to be more closely involved you could join the PCC or even stand for churchwarden!

What next?

Please obtain a **Parish Giving Pack** (available in the church), fill in the form and send it off in the envelope provided with the pack.



Thank you so much for your support.

*All things come from you O Lord,
and of your own do we give you. Amen.*

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