

How much to give

We're all different; so are our circumstances. There is no easy answer and we must 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, or by a Standing Order and, if we pay UK tax, giving by Gift Aid.

And finally, to be really practical, if everyone *increased* their giving by just 5% we could achieve most of 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

If you would like to know more about ways to give to **St John the Baptist, Windlesham**, simply contact John Woods our Treasurer.

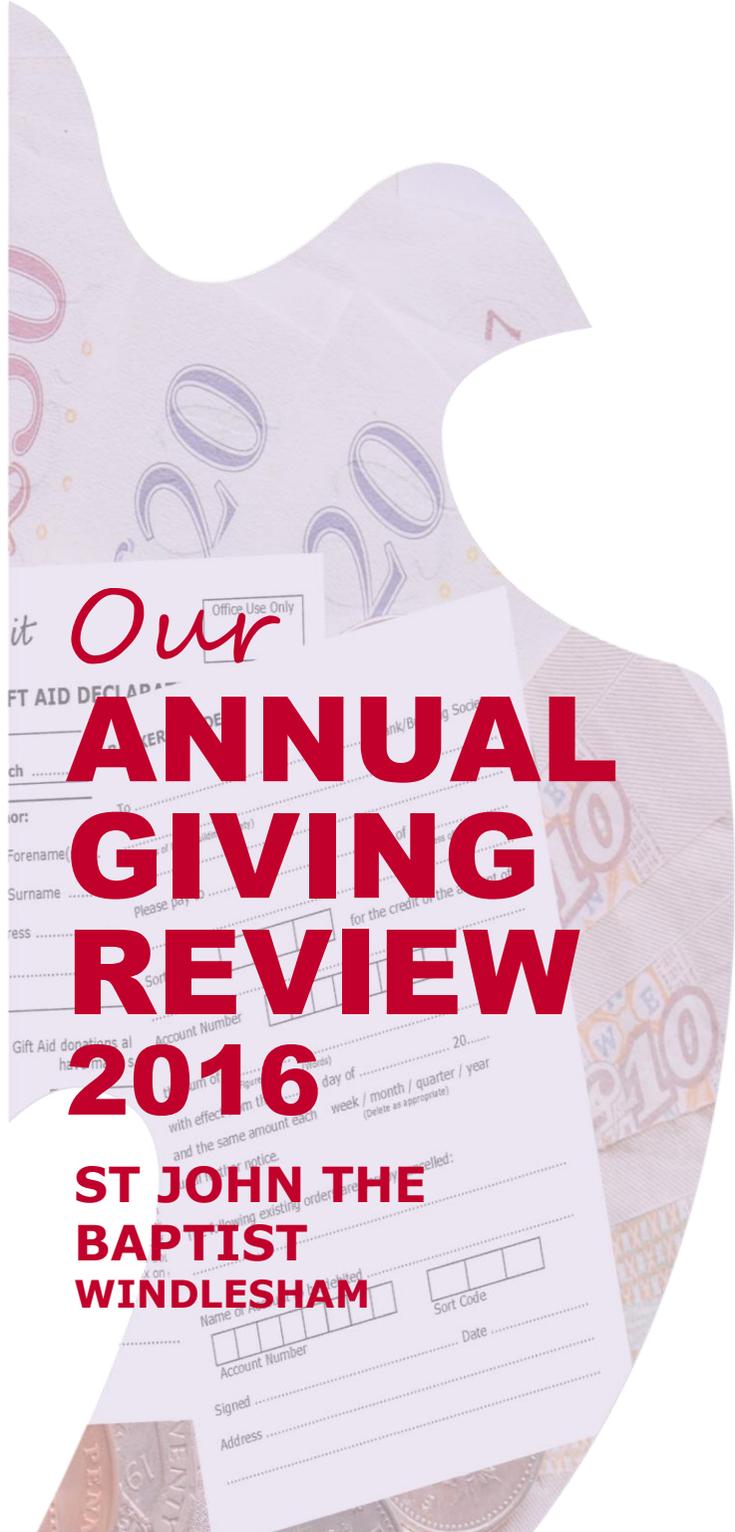
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Past year

As part of our mission this year we have:

- Employed a full-time youth worker to work with our young people.
- Continued to develop our worship, prayer life, and our service to the community through our ministry to children and their families.
- Set up new ministry teams lead by the PCC
- Launched our new Church website
- Successfully managed significant building work on the Church roof

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 John the Baptist, Windlesham.

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

2 Cor 9: 12

Present situation

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

Next year our church needs **£3,100** per week for the work of ministry, worship, service and mission. This breaks down as:

£1,700 on our share of clergy, housing, training and support costs.

£800 on our building, including insurance heat, light etc.

£600 on worship and ministry costs to and in the community, including the Link and St John's Hall.

Plans for our future

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

1. Develop a culture of spiritual growth through small groups and running courses.
2. Develop and improve all forms of communication within the Church and externally including use of digital and social media.
3. Grow and develop our 'Worship Together' service

Planning our income

To meet this challenge our planned income for this year looks like this, in weekly terms:

£2,000 from regular giving, including Gift Aid reclaimed from the HMRC.

£600 from fees, the Link and St John's Hall, and our fundraising efforts.

£200 from interest and the careful use of some of our reserves.

The largest share of this income is from the giving of our congregation.

To fund our ministry next year we will need a minimum increase in planned weekly income of **£300**.



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

Gal 5: 22