

In 2024 we looked to:

- Sustain and develop our ministry and mission
- Carry out much needed building maintenance using outside grants where available
- Break even!
- Reach out and grow in number
- Grow in our love for God

To fulfil this vision, each week we spent:

- £594 on our share of clergy costs: stipend, housing, training etc
- £237 on our building: insurance, heat, light etc
- £57 on worship and ministry: for our congregation and wider community

And each week we budgeted:

- £500 from regular congregation giving
- £135 from HMRC for gift aided giving and donations
- £15 from fees weddings funerals et cetera
- £79 from rentals, or fundraising and all the income streams

Thank you for helping to make this happen!

How much? How do we decide how much to give?

There is no one, easy answer for everyone.

We are called to love God and our neighbour and our giving is an expression of that love.

This leaflet gives some clear guidance, and there are very practical things we can do:

- Increase our giving to meet our church's needs
- Join the planned giving scheme with weekly envelopes or a standing order
- Optimise our giving using Gift Aid if we pay tax
- Make a legacy gift when we plan for the future of those we love and care for
- Give proportionately – a percentage of our income given to fund our ministry

But at the end of the day, how much to give is a thoughtful, prayerful decision only YOU can make. Love is generous, love is kind and love is selfless - we see that in all God gives to us; so how will we respond?

Please think and pray about your response

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH APPLEY BRIDGE



Our church

Our challenge

Our choice

**Giving
in Grace**

Going forward in faith



OUR CHURCH

OUR GIVING sustains our church building, a sacred place dedicated to worship, prayer and witness.

OUR GIVING sustains our clergy, here & across our diocese & helps train new clergy.

OUR GIVING sustains our ministry, measured by every:

- sick person visited
- confirmation course run
- school assembly taken
- bereaved families comforted
- baptism celebrated
- sermon preach
- Eucharist celebrated
- person sharing the love of Christ through our care and compassion

Our giving sustains mission both in the UK, and overseas for people we may never meet but to whom we are able to give practical support through our ministry of giving.

This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgivings to God (2 Cor 9 verse 12)

OUR CHALLENGE

To cultivate what St Paul calls, the grace of giving, we need to think carefully about all we receive from God, and prayerfully review our giving.

Our church needed £888 per week in 2024 to sustain building and clergy, our ministry and mission. Our current annual shortfall is **£8,278** that's **£160** per week.

To bridge our income gap, and for our ministry to flourish, we need the grace of giving. The following table gives an example of how we can achieve this:

Proportionate Giving Table		
This many people	Increase weekly giving by	Equals this much more income
7	£1	£7
13	£2	£26
11	£3	£33
7	£4	£28
4	£5	£20
7	£6	£32
2	£7	£14

To meet our target of £8278

But just as you excel in everything... see that you also excel in this grace of giving (2 Cor 8 verse 7)

OUR CHOICES

Our church planned giving scheme has 42 members.

Is it time to join the envelope scheme or move to a standing order?

The Gift Aid scheme has 40 tax-payers contributing.

Is it time to join?

Giving to God's work through the church should be a priority.

Is it time to increase?

There are a number of people giving proportionately as the Bible teaches.

Is it time to give a percentage of what we receive?

Proportionate Giving Table					
Weekly Net income	Giving (£)				
	1%	3%	5%	8%	10%
£150	1.5	4.5	7.5	12	15
£250	2.5	7.5	12.5	20	25
£350	3.5	10.5	17.5	28	35
£450	4.5	13.5	22.5	36	45

This is a ministry for everyone – 'each according to your means' (2 Cor 8:11)