

St Paul's Egham Hythe

'excel in this grace of giving' 2 Cor. 8:7

As we reach the time of year when we would normally be welcoming around 2,000 people to St Paul's we're writing to ask if you can help St Paul's meet our commitments. Thank you so much for those of you who are continuing to give regularly to St Paul's and have already responded. It is very much appreciated. However, we still have a shortfall in our income and can't at the moment fulfil all our responsibilities.

I know this is a big ask in these uncertain times, but I also know that you are generous and you will step up to the challenge to give sacrificially. I say it's "a big ask" though I also know that God gives back 10 even 100 hundred times over from personal experience. Try it out for yourself!

Breaking News: we are able to accept cash and coins - even foreign banknotes - unlike most of the shops! If you can't get your suitcases of coins to church, we can arrange collection. This also applies to your planned giving by the envelope scheme, just contact the office, or myself, and we'll collect. Cheques and direct payment via BACS or the Planned Giving Scheme remain our preferred method.

Please pray and don't forget God loves a generous giver!

Diane Oliver, Churchwarden
December 2020

Emma, our treasurer writes:

It costs £100,000 a year to run the church without any repairs or improvements. We get support from the Diocese of £20,000 in a reduction of the full stipend cost. We get investment income of £10,000 leaving us needing to raise £70,000 from donations, hall fees and fundraising. Hall income and fundraising in prior years account for another £20,000 leaving £50,000 a year from planned giving and collections to fill the hole. The easiest way to give is to sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme, if you are not already a member please contact Emma or Diane and they can drop off the joining pack to you or go to the link below.

You can set up a regular inflation linked monthly contribution to St Paul's through the Parish Giving Scheme. Go to <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/> Our reference details are:
St Paul's Egham Hythe PGS 170617182.

And, finally, a quote from Rev Dr Sam Wells to think on;

"If you don't give because no one's ever asked you, I'm asking you now. If you don't give regularly because you've never got round to it, I'm saying today's the day. If you don't give much because you think the church doesn't need it, I'm telling you that it does. If you don't give a lot because you don't have a lot, I'm saying your giving something is an example to everyone else. If you don't give more because no one's ever said thank you, I'm thanking you right now. If you already give until the pips squeak, I'm saying that's wonderful, and nudge the person next to you to do the same."

For more information see <https://www.speh.org.uk/support-us/>
Or contact us at office@speh.org.uk or on 01784 459444

Thank you!