

Frequently Asked Questions

I give each week into the collection bag. Why is this not what you want?

Obviously if you prefer to give in this way, we are happy to receive your offering but, if we know what our regular weekly/monthly income is going to be, we are more able to plan our expenditure and prepare our budget.

Why should I give using the [Parish Giving Scheme](https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/) as opposed to the envelope scheme or standing order?

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The envelope scheme does suit some givers. However, it is time-consuming to run. If you give using Parish Giving Scheme, you won't have to find cash each week to give to the collection. It will also considerably improve our cash flow. Planned giving using Parish Giving Scheme has many advantages over giving by standing order including:

- The church will receive your donation and the Gift Aid amount direct from Parish Giving Scheme, greatly reducing the administration time for the church
- Givers are able to opt to increase their gift annually by the rate of inflation
- It is secure, confidential and easy to use
- It is free for givers and for the church to join

What should I do if I want to increase the amount I give?

With Parish Giving Scheme, you have your own account and are able to amend your gift at any time.

I feel embarrassed by not having put anything in the collection bag!

There is no need to feel embarrassed as many people already use planned giving through their bank. The church is aware that not putting cash/envelopes in the bag means you may be a planned giver.

Why should I give to the church when I don't go each week?

Even if you do not attend church regularly, you clearly believe that there are many occasions when the church is there for us in time of need. It is part of our community. If the church does not increase its income, then eventually it may not be there for us. It will become lost to the community both present and future. Please consider giving a monthly gift to the church enabling the church to continue in its mission.

Do I have to tell anyone who might contact me how much I am giving?

No, your contribution should be made prayerfully, between you and God. The details are treated in the strictest of confidence. Reports are issued by Parish Giving Scheme to one person, the statement receiver, who will be able to use the information to thank givers for their contributions and to prepare the budget.



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Giving Review 2024



“If you plant sparingly you will reap sparingly, and if you plant bountifully, you will reap bountifully. You must give according to what you have inwardly decided - not sadly, not reluctantly, for God loves a giver who gives cheerfully.”

2 Corinthians 9 v 6 & 7

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What Can I do?

We give in response to the God who is so generous to us but how much are we to give? The decision will be yours alone, but here are some guiding principles:

- Remember that giving can be an expression of our love and worship as we carefully plan our giving rather than give what is left once all other needs are met.
- Give generously! The Church of England suggests we aim to give 5% of our income, after tax, to our church. That's a challenge. However, the Bible teaches giving 10% of our income.
- Giving is good. Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than to receive." As we give, we are blessed, our church is blessed and our community is blessed – it enables us to serve and love our community better!

How can we meet this challenge?

In two ways:

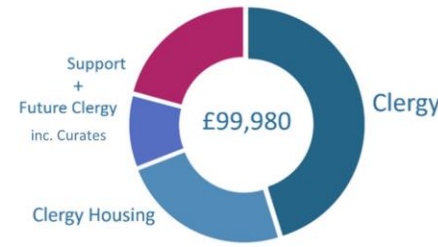
- By increasing the number of people giving regularly
- By those who already give, reviewing their level of giving.

Signing up for Parish Giving Scheme (see QR code opposite and website) will help us to achieve this. We all need to prayerfully consider the amount that God is calling us to give to His work here.

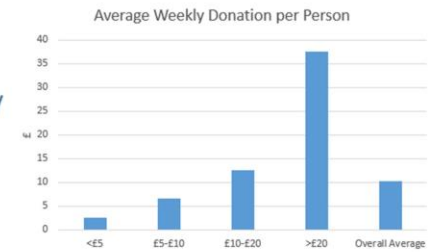
Overall income has gone down from £300K in 2017 to £185K in 2023

In Less than 10 years our Planned Giving has reduced from £180K to £81K

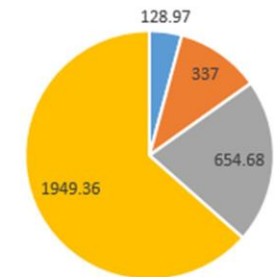
Common Fund Contribution has gone down from £103K in 2019 to £45K in 2023



Parish Standard Cost (Common Fund) for 2025

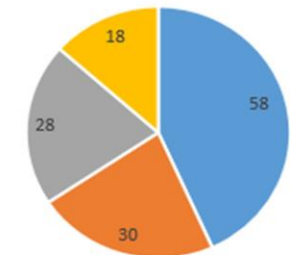


Total Average Regular Giving £



■ <£5 ■ £5-£10 ■ £10-£20 ■ >£20

Number of Regular Givers



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Parish Giving Scheme St Martin's Ruislip

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/ruislip-st-martin-ruislip/>