

Why

The Church of England offers a Christian presence in every community, seeking to be at the heart of all our cities, towns and villages; by serving our communities; by sharing our faith and values; by worshipping together and by our wonderful buildings. This valuable contribution to our community has a cost, which is largely met by personal donations. For the Church to survive and grow, we rely on regular donations so that we can plan confidently for the future.

'Money' dominates too many agendas in our Church. We need to tackle this problem head-on, so that we can move forward with confidence. Successfully addressing the Church's need to receive realistic, long term giving from committed Christians is a fundamental part of developing a thriving, outward looking church.

What

The **Parish Giving Scheme** (PGS) is a 21st century solution to offset one of the greatest problems of local church income – 'static' giving. Donations made through PGS use a Direct Debit. This can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. The full donations – plus any associated Gift Aid – come straight back to the local church, thus saving quite a lot of administrative time at local level.

If you tick the 'inflation option', your giving is automatically adjusted each year, so it becomes 'inflation proofed'. Then the PGS will collect 'odd amounts' which nobody would normally think of giving, but cumulatively make a huge difference to local church finances. The PGS also makes life easier for your local church's administration team, and improves their cash flow. This will free up their energies to focus on other important church priorities and not be so worried about money.

Your local church council has to sign up your church to the PGS – and then if you would like to join the scheme as a donor, simply ask your Treasurer or Giving Officer for a Gift Form.