

What We Can Do

Obviously it is not just a case of everyone giving an extra named amount per week - that would be unfair as some of us could not manage this amount, while others could manage more.

The Scriptures teach the principle of **PROPORTIONATE GIVING** - giving a percentage of our income: so much for each £1 of our disposable income, e.g.

2p per £: 2% 3p per £: 3%

The General Synod urges us to aim at a basic standard of 5p per £ - that is 5%.

Steps to Take

- ★ **REVIEW** our giving. How much do we give now as a percentage of our income? Can we increase it by 1p, or 2p in the £?
- ★ **JOIN** the Planned Giving Scheme and take a set of envelopes, or Bankers Order Form and so contribute on a regular basis whether we are in church or not
- ★ Check if your employer can match your charitable giving or offers Payroll Giving..
- ★ **HELP** All Saints' to recover tax paid. If we pay income tax, the Inland Revenue will **REFUND** to the church the tax we have already paid:

currently 25p for each £ we give

At No Extra Cost To Ourselves!

What We Give...

Is a matter between us and God. What He expects of us is that we should each shoulder our responsibility as a member of the family of All Saints' to the best of our ability.

To Summarise...

- ★ We have a **CHALLENGE** - our expenditure exceeds our income by £389 each week.
- ★ All Saints' has a fine past. It should also have an exciting future.
- ★ As member of the Family of All Saints' we have to decide whether we are going to limp along from year to year or whether we are going to set out church on a firm basis for the future.
- ★ The matter is in our hands. Let us consider carefully and prayerfully the response we should make.

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WHAT DOES OUR CHURCH COST EACH WEEK?



- (A) £1319
(B) £2319
(C) £4319

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Believe It or Not...

Based on our projected budget agreed by the PCC it will cost £4319 per week to run our church in 2008

How Come?

Clergy Expenses	£89
Church Expenses	£639
Church Maintenance	£1233
Fairer Shares (to the Diocese)	£2308
Giving Outside the Parish	£50
	£4319

But Our Income...

Direct Giving	£1787
Tax Recovered	£465
Other Income	£1678
	£3930

So We Have a Problem

We need to find an extra £389 per week simply to meet our budget for 2008.

BUT surely you say... "If we didn't have to pay the Fairer Shares Assessment to the Diocese we wouldn't have a problem"

The Diocese operates a "*FAIRER SHARES*" Scheme. The cost of maintaining and supporting our staff in 2008 is:

£60,054 (£1,155 per week)

This cost includes clergy stipends, vicarage repairs and maintenance, insurance, training, pensions, etc (£899 per week, with less than half of this forming Father Nicholas's stipend), **PLUS** support costs (£256 per week).

Our contribution towards this through "Fairer Shares" is

£120,000 (£2,308 per week)

This means we actually help other parishes in the Diocese to survive with a subsidy of

£59,946 (£1153 per week)

which enables less well-off churches to fund services, extra activities, and allows some to maintain a full-time minister. This support is very much appreciated and is vital for the Christian witness across the Diocese.

All Saints' and the Future

All Saints' has stood as a centre of worship and of service to the community for 150 years. It is our spiritual home and we are proud and privileged to be members of this family today.

All Saints' has a lively past - it should have an exciting future, **BUT**... that future is in **OUR** hands. As far as the maintenance of the work, ministry and mission of All Saints' is concerned, as members of this family...

The Responsibility is Ours

A Stewardship Prayer

God, our creator and sustainer,
giver of all good gifts,
we thank you for all you have given us in our lives,
and especially through the life of All Saints'.
In our stewardship,
help us to respond with love and generosity
and use all our gifts in the service of your kingdom
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen