

St Mary's Church, Maryville

We had a wonderful response to our stewardship Renewal which took place in October 2007 - our giving increased by 72%, so thank you for your generosity.

However, since that time there have been changes in our circumstances - costs have increased and our church family members have changed, so it is time to consider our giving once again, both financially and through our time and talents.



Our minimum running costs next year will be

£559.00 per week

our projected income will be

**£457.00 per week
including tax rebate**

This means that in order to meet our running costs and enable us to build for the future, we should try to increase our income by at least

£110.00 per week

We are therefore asking everyone here at St Mary's to review their giving in the light of the above information and their own personal circumstances. We appreciate that many of our church family are working towards giving 5% of their disposable income (after paying Income Tax, Council Tax and National Insurance) to St Mary's. The Bible teaches that we cannot expect an equal amount from each person but if we all give proportionately, we all give equally, showing that God has priority in our lives.

This is also an opportunity for us to consider how we can help practically here at St Mary's. Can you give some time to help in any of the areas listed on the enclosed response form?

Please consider and pray over the enclosed response form, and return in to church before our 10.30 am service on Sunday, 19 November when our responses will be offered to God. Your financial response will be **TOTALLY CONFIDENTIAL** and seen only by the treasurer

THANK YOU!

Rector

Churchwardens