

What is the Planned Giving Scheme?

The Planned Giving Scheme is simply a way of helping those people who believe the Church is important, by enabling them to contribute to the cost of its Ministry and the maintenance of its buildings by making a regular weekly or monthly contribution.

How will that help our church?

It will provide the Church with a regular source of income and enable it to plan its budget rather than relying heavily on special events to balance the books.

**But I already give!
When I go to church I
always put something in the
collection.
Isn't that enough?**

No - not really! The Church is here every Sunday and its Ministry and running costs such as heating and lighting are the same whether you are in church or not.

So how does the Scheme work?

It's a simple and convenient way of giving regularly to the Church. You can choose to give either by Standing Order through your bank or by using weekly envelopes.

If you choose to give by Standing Order then the Treasurer will provide you with a standing order form for you to complete and return to him/her. S/he will then forward it to your bank which will arrange for regular amounts to be transferred to the church from your account (usually monthly).

If you prefer to use envelopes we will provide you with a boxed set, dated for each Sunday of the year. Each week you simply put your contribution in the envelope for that week, bring it to church with you and put it in the plate when the collection comes round.

But what if I don't go to church each week?

No problem. If you give by standing order then your gift will be transferred regularly by your bank. If you give by envelope and miss a week, you can put your envelope for the Sunday you missed into the collection along with this week's envelope. But remember to put the same amount, the amount you have said you will give, into the envelope each week.

How much should I give?

It's up to you to decide how much to give each week. When you are thinking about how much to give, remember that what we give is part of our discipleship; God has given us everything we have and so we should look after it and give something back to God.

Think about it and pray about it, and decide how much you should give to God. Just the leftover coins in your pocket or a considered part of your income each week?

Is the Planned Giving Scheme confidential?

Yes. There is a number on each envelope and only the Gift Aid Secretary or the Treasurer will be aware who has which number.

If you give by Standing Order then only the Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary will know.

Can I be tax efficient if I join the Planned Giving Scheme?

Yes, if you are a tax payer and complete a simple Gift Aid Declaration, then any money you give, either by using envelopes or by Standing Order through your bank, will enable your church to claim back the tax you've already paid on your gift (currently an extra 25p for every £1 you give). All this at no extra cost to you.

(Your Treasurer/Gift Aid Secretary will be pleased to provide you with details about Gift Aid and its benefits.)

The Planned Giving Scheme sounds like a good idea. How do I join?

Just complete the box below and send it to the address on the back of this leaflet.

Please send me:

- A Standing Order form
- A box of Envelopes
- More information about Planned Giving

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

For further information on ways of investing in the future of the church and/or a supply of envelopes or Standing Order form, please contact or write to:

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Address:

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Full Name and Address:
Please pay £..... month to.....Bank plc
Sort Code: Account No:
Signed: Date:
My Bank:
Account Name: Account No: