

# Christ Church Dartford



## Giving Campaign 2022

At Christ Church we have so much to be grateful for. We are blessed to have good church buildings enabling us to worship week by week and host numerous community activities that make our church a hub of community life. We are blessed to have a vibrant junior church, toddler group, Refresh Café, housegroups and youth club. Our youth outreach is spearheaded by the youth pastor, employed full-time by Christ Church, who reaches out into local schools and into the community, supporting young people and their families.

In addition to the usual church activities, because of the generosity of our congregation, over the past year we have been able to support more than 50 local families through the provision of food vouchers and our Fun & Food events. We have been able to provide significant support to the Dartford Food Bank and the Dartford Homeless Project.

We have created a community fund, to support families and individuals within our community who have specific, short-term needs.

Over the summer, our youth pastor, working at a Christian Youth Festival, has had a powerful impact on over

1,000 young people and 250 youth workers from all around the country.

However, as we explained in the summer magazine, we receive no external funding from the government or the wider church and we are now facing considerable financial challenges. Without additional support Christ Church will not be able to continue doing everything we do now. Accordingly we are launching a Giving Campaign and in this leaflet we want to explain seven ways you can consider giving so that we can turn this situation around and establish a secure future for the work and witness of our church in the community.

### Will you help?

If you don't give already please consider supporting the church and think how you can help.

If you already support the church please prayerfully consider the level of your giving. We understand many people are under financial pressure and may need to reduce their giving as a result, but others are better placed to assist and can express their gratitude to God through giving.

So here are seven suggestions to pray and think about:

**1 - Thank offerings.** The Bible talks about freewill offerings. These were often used as a way of thanking God for a particular blessing or life event. In response to requests from our congregation, we are introducing regular thanksgiving services where people can share their good news, and if they wish, make a private donation to God's work at Christ Church, as an expression of their thanks to God. We want to promote a culture of generosity, praise and thanksgiving, as these are biblical expressions of God's kingdom amongst us.

**2 - Standing orders.** If you have a bank account, you can set up a standing order. This will send a regular amount to the church. It enables you to spread out your giving and benefits the church in knowing how much to expect each month. Our bank details are:

Account name: Christ Church  
Dartford Parochial Church  
Council,  
Bank: HSBC  
Account number: 20232408  
Sort code: 40-19-04

**3 - Gift Aid.** Any giving to the church may be accompanied by a gift aid form. If you are a taxpayer, this allows the church to claim back any tax you paid on the money you're giving away, What it means is that we can get an extra 25% on top of your gift by making a claim from HMRC. A form for this can be found on Page 4. (There is also a process for claiming higher rate

tax back as well. Please ask if that applies to you.)

**4 - Cash and cheque donations.** Money may be given during the Sunday service, or at any time the church is open, by putting donations in the wall boxes at the back of church. (These are regularly emptied for security reasons!). Cheques may be posted to the church vicarage at any time.

Giving Campaign,  
The Vicarage, 67 Shepherds  
Lane, Dartford, DA1 2NS

**5 - By Card.** You can now give in the church using the payment device and simply tapping with your debit card. Each tap gives £10.

**6 - Online.** The QR code below and on the back of our magazine takes you to a giving page.



**7 - Legacies.** Have you considered leaving a sum of money in your will? Charitable giving this way can be a

means of marking areas of personal commitment and concern and brings lasting support to the charity concerned. A private conversation with the treasurer can help plan this. We also recommend recording your wishes for the funeral itself, as the next of kin don't always know how best to honour the faith of the deceased and written guidance can bring much valued clarity.

## Thank you for your generosity

Whatever you decide to do please know that we appreciate all gifts, small or large, and well understand that circumstances differ from person to person. (Which is why we expanded our community fund to help those in financial hardship.) God looks at the heart and values our good intentions whatever our circumstances allow.

Please don't hesitate to get back to us with any questions you may have. We

really value your help and want to be open and transparent about all these matters!

You can contact us via the church office:

[christchurchdartford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christchurchdartford@hotmail.co.uk)

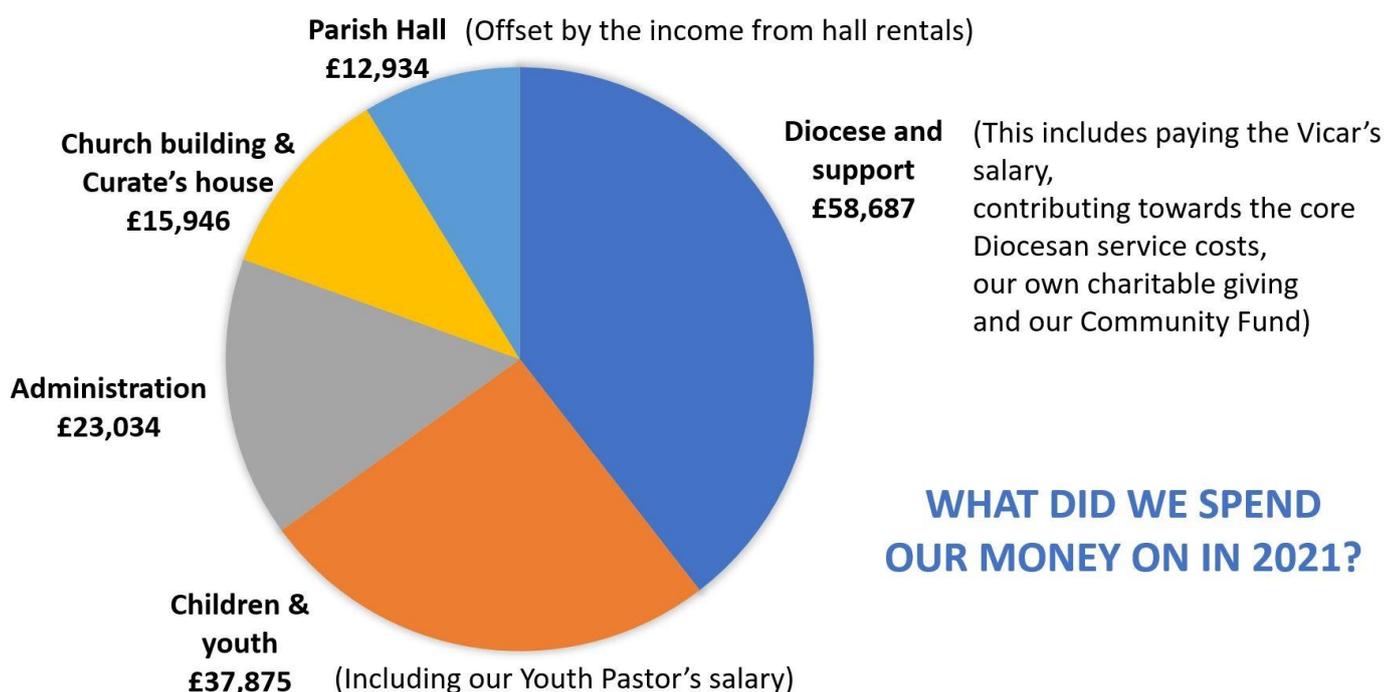
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*All giving is treated as confidential, and the identities of givers is restricted to the Treasurer (and the counting and banking team if you use the Gift Aid envelopes from church to make your donation.)*

## Did you know?

It costs us £11,000 per month to run the church. It costs £1,000 just to heat the church over the Christmas season, when last year we saw over 1,000 people come through the church doors.

A gift of £60 per month would finance one youth club session or two pastoral visits by the vicar.



## WHAT DID WE SPEND OUR MONEY ON IN 2021?

**Christ Church, Dartford (Registered Charity number 1132551)**



**Gift Aid Declaration Form**

To the Treasurer, Christ Church, Dartford,

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date shown below.\*

Date Gift Aid donations start\*: .....

\* This date cannot be more than four years before the date of the declaration.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities (including churches) and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Title	First Names	Last Name
Full Home Address:		
Post Code:		

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please notify the church if you**

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax.

Basic rate tax is currently 20%, which currently allows charities to reclaim 25 pence on the pound.

Higher rate taxpayers can claim back the difference between basic rate and higher rate or additional rate tax. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please return the completed form to:

The Treasurer c/o The Vicarage, 67 Shepherds Lane, Dartford, DA1 2NS

This form can also be downloaded from our website: [Christchurchdartford.com](http://Christchurchdartford.com)