



For several months now a group of volunteers from the parish have been helping the PCC to evaluate the Parish Giving Scheme. The success of this pilot has led the PCC to decide to offer this facility to the whole congregation, beginning in November 2017.

What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) has been set up by a group of dioceses to help parishes better manage their regular donations. It is run as a partnership between participating dioceses at no cost to individual parishes.

Why should I join?

It is hoped that as many as possible will join the Parish Giving Scheme. Doing so greatly smooths the financial administration of the parish, and allows us to plan our expenditure more efficiently.

How does it work?

Instead of your regular giving being collected and administered by parish volunteers, your donations are made to PGS **by direct debit**. Your donation **along with any Gift Aid applicable** will be credited to the parish within ten days. If you decide to join the PGS scheme it will affect the way you give regularly.

If you use Planned Giving Envelopes you simply stop using them. Don't forget that gift cards are available from sidespersons to put in the collection plate at services.

If you already donate by standing order you must remember to cancel this by contacting your bank.

How do I join?

From November, application forms will be available at the back of each church or from all churchwardens. **Do take a form. Even if you decide not to join PGS, full details of the scheme are outlined on the form.**

It is hoped that as many as possible will decide to donate regularly through PGS. The more who sign up, the more efficiently our parish can be run.

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