

Parish Vision & Priorities

Sunday 21st Oct. 2018

Our Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of life, love
and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Help us to be generous in return, and support our Parish
as it seeks to serve you
and proclaim the Gospel afresh to each generation.



Dear Friends,

Over the years St Mary's has been seen as a place of worship, support and care for many people within the parish of Oldswinford and beyond. We are pleased to have served you through baptisms, weddings and funerals, and to have been able to accompany you on your journey of faith.

In order for that work to continue into the future we need to ensure that the many people from the church family, who give so unstintingly of their time and energy, have the financial backing to enable that work to continue. By outlining our vision and priorities the PCC offers the opportunity for those who currently give to review their individual commitment, and for others to join them by giving regularly or as one-off donations.

With your support, we will achieve our vision for our church and lay strong foundations for the future. We hope that you will join us as we seek to focus attention on the financial needs of St. Mary's so that we may continue to participate in the mission of Jesus in our parish.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Our Vision

We are walking together with Jesus on the journey of faith:

- We are **Blessed** by God in what we have received, in the people around us and in the hope that we share as resurrection people;
- We are **Disciples** of Jesus Christ who follow him through prayer and the study of scripture;
- We are renewed and transformed through **Worship** of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- We show God's **Love** for the world by engaging with issues of justice and freedom locally and globally;
- We are **Sent** by God to share our faith in Jesus with his world and to bring that world back to him.

Our Priorities

- To make some of our services more friendly to newcomers, especially for baptism families and young people .
- To make our church more welcoming, this will include repairing the North Porch.
- To encourage our congregation and the wider community to use their gifts of money, time and talents in the service of the church.

How much does it cost to run the Parish?

Parish Share	£96,177
Buildings	£50,476
Administration	£23,924
Worship	£7,898
Outreach	£3,320
<u>Total Costs</u>	<u>£181,795</u>

Gift Aid Declaration Form

If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the form below. This will increase your gift by 25p for every £1 given (at current rate), at no extra cost to you or us. Thank you.

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTES:

1. Please notify the church/PCC 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, currently 20%, which allows charities to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated.

2. 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 Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Standing Order Form

To the Manager _____ Bank plc

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Please pay to the account of St. Mary's
Parochial Church Council at HSBC, High St. Stourbridge,

Bank A/c Number: 71174363

Sort Code: 404317

The sum of £ _____ Commencing on
____/____/____ and like sum every
month/quarter/year until further notice

Signature: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code _____

Account Name _____

Sort Code _____

Account Number _____

Where does the money come from?

Planned, regular giving	£57,368
Collections, donations	£25,024
Tax recovery	£14,328
Rents, fees	£41,230
Legacy	£20,000
Other	£8,804
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>£166,754</u>

Our Financial Target for 2019

To maintain and develop our existing ministry in line with our Vision we require an additional **£15,041** per year (around £300 per week).

How could this be achieved?

At present there are **122** households giving regularly to the church.

If we could increase this to **132** and they were all able to contribute an **additional £2.20/week** (the price of a takeaway coffee) then we would reach our target.

We would love you to prayerfully consider if you would be willing to support the church through this appeal.

How you can help

- If you are not yet a regular giver to the Church, please consider how you might plan to make a regular contribution.
- If you are an existing regular giver, please consider increasing your gift.
- Please make your giving through a Standing Order by completing the enclosed form.
- Take advantage of Gift Aid by signing the declaration form. This means that for every £1.00 you give to the church, we will receive £1.25

Your Response

Please bring the completed forms to church on our Thanksgiving Sunday on 18th Nov. 2018.

(Or if this is not possible, please post or hand it into the Parish Office).

Our Future

We have a vision for growth of our congregations and our community outreach. What we require is faith, boldness and generosity in our giving according to our circumstances. We are certain that by God's grace and our commitment we will have the resources to lay hold of these opportunities.

Confidential Response Form

You can count on my/our financial support for our work as a church. Until further notice, you can expect from me / us:

1. Starting to give on a regular basis

£_____ per week / month / year

2. Increase my giving to

£_____ per week / month / year

3. Continue my present giving of

£_____ per week / month / year

4. Give a one off donation of

£_____

I wish to pay by (Please tick one box)

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Standing Order

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By cheque payable to St Mary's PCC

Full Name:

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _