HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please fill in a Giving Review Pledge Form.
We need a fresh form from everyone showing how much they are able to give now on a regular basis.

Even if you are an existing supporter, we need a fresh pledge form to confirm whether you are increasing or continuing your support, as this will help us to budget and plan for the future. This form will replace any existing promises you have made.

We do understand that this may change in the future, at your discretion.

RETURNING YOUR GIVING REVIEW FORM

After you have completed the Giving Review Pledge Form, please put it in the envelope provided and place it in the collection plate in church by Sunday 27th October.

If you are not sure what to do, or how to complete the form, don’t worry – please contact either ………………………… or ………………. and they will take you through it.

THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME

St Nicholas’ Church has recently joined the Parish Giving Scheme to make it easier for those who want to give regularly to the church. The Parish Giving Scheme is the church’s preferred method of receiving regular giving. For more detail please see the Parish Giving Scheme information pack.

GIFT AID

If you pay tax, HMRC will add a tax refund of 25% to your gift. This Tax Refund (known as Gift Aid) costs you nothing, providing you pay as much tax as the church claims back in Gift Aid on your gifts. All you need to do is sign a Gift Aid declaration, or preferably complete the Gift Aid declaration on the PGS Gift Form itself.

OUR GRATITUDE

We are so grateful to you for undertaking this review, as it helps the parochial church council budget accordingly.

Thank you very much!

A GIVING PRAYER

All generous God, you poured yourself out in creation, you were totally spent in Christ’s death on the cross, and continue to give yourself through the gift of your Holy Spirit to us. Give us generous hearts; that, in response to your love, our lives may overflow in thanking and generosity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIMETABLE

Sunday 15th September – ‘Why is it difficult to give, when God has given us everything?’
Sunday 6th October – Harvest Festival & Giving Review launch
Sunday 27th October – Pledge Sunday
Sunday 3rd November – Pledge Thanksgiving Service

GIVING REVIEW 2019

“All things come from you O Lord, and of your own do we give you”
**GIVING THANKS AT ST NICHOLAS’ CHURCH**

There is so much that we thank God for here at St Nicholas’ Church. For over 175 years it has been a focal point of worship for the parish and the city, a spiritual home to generations. Providing support in times of joy and of sorrow, St Nicholas is a living expression of Christian hope – the hope that God’s love is offered to everyone, and is all that we truly need and seek.

We are more than grateful to all who support our work – generously giving their time, their talents and their money to make it possible for us to continue to offer Christian ministry, take part in Christian mission, and offer hospitality to everyone who walks through the door.

**YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP US**

- to continue to offer regular worship, including Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, and those special services which bring the community together at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance;
- to visit the sick, the bereaved and others in need;
- to care for our church buildings and grounds so that these focal points for spiritual and community life can be developed and passed on to future generations;
- to develop our work with people of all ages and stages, providing all with opportunities to grow in faith and to develop a closer relationship with God.

“For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.” (2 Cor 8:3-4)

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**THE CHALLENGE AHEAD**

Our annual income from regular giving is presently £35,422. To continue and extend our work and care for our buildings we hope to increase this to £62,422.

That is why this year we are asking all our friends and supporters to fill in a fresh Giving Review Pledge Form. **Whatever your decision, every gift will be appreciated.**

Here’s how we could meet this challenge:-

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gap and for our ministry to flourish we need the grace of giving. The table above gives an example of how we may achieve this, and if all of the above was given with Gift Aid declarations, HMRC would refund a further £129.50 per week (£6,750 per year) which would enable us to do even more to serve our community.

**HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?**

The Church of England encourages regular worshippers to consider prayerfully giving 5% (or £1 in £20) of their after-tax income to and through their local church, and a similar amount to other work that helps build God’s kingdom. This is consistent with the biblical principle of the tithe (or tenth).

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And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)