

Living Generously

Growing giving in your church through news, ideas, support and encouragement.



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The New Covenant Pledge Process

The Covenant Scheme, which was approved by Diocesan Synod in May 2021, was set up to fund the cost of stipendiary ministry across the Diocese of Lincoln.

It was part of 'Time to Change Together' an expansive diocesan strategic endeavour to resource and build mutually flourishing relationships and together grow the Church.

As the new Head of Generosity, I'm grateful for all the work that has gone into making this system, which replaced the Parish Share system, one that is largely now embedded across our diocese.

As I meet with PCC Members, Local Mission Partnership leads, Deanery Partnership Lay Co-Chairs & Deans it has struck me just how much the new way of working has been embraced.

My focus is on building on that by fostering a culture of generosity across the Diocese of Lincoln and creating long term relationships with our parishes, local mission partnerships and deanery partnerships while helping parishes explore ways to fund their mission and ministry.

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To that end, we are currently redesigning the Covenant Pledge process and that is why you have not yet received a request for your donation.

In the meantime, it would be great if you could send a cheque or set up a standing order for remitting the pledged amount. The account details are:

Sort code: 60 13 15

Account number: 00825255

Please can you ensure that all payments reference the Q number as shown on your statement. Until the new process is in place, you will still receive a statement from our Finance team listing the donation amounts. We aim to roll out the new process in time for the 2027 Covenant Pledges.

If your PCC has not yet submitted its 2026 pledge, please use the link below. If you already have arrangements in place to pay your pledge you do not need to take any further action.

If you have any queries, please do email or ring me on any of the numbers below.

Thank you for all that you and the rest of the PCC do for your parish and community.

Colin Tomlin

Head of Generosity

Covenant Pledge 2026



Celebrating a Generous Easter

Easter services are often among the most attended of the year as people gather to mark this significant event in the church calendar. As we reflect on God's ultimate gift of generosity at Easter, many will be inspired to give to support the church's work and express their thanksgiving to God. But how can you make the most of the opportunity to encourage and facilitate generosity this Easter?



- Firstly, if your church is a Cornerstone user, you will find that there is a pathway on Celebrating a Generous Easter, including a series of steps to help develop this theme. The pathway includes advice on how to embed generosity into your Easter services, and links to downloadable resources such as Canva templates for posters and pew cards. If you are interested in finding out more about Cornerstone, just drop us an email.
- The Church of England's Lent 2026 theme is Draw Near: Life Giving Habits for Lent. This year's national resources centre on the idea of a 'rhythm of life' – habits and patterns that help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day. This could be a topic for sermons, small groups, or stories and reflections shared on social media. You could use the Giving Team's Living Generously series (eight video reflections on generosity) as a small group resource.
- The Church's Digital Giving Team has developed Five Ways to Encourage Digital Giving at Easter, including posters and other resources, themed screens for your contactless device, and advice on holding a 'digital spring clean'.

Happy Easter!

Try Before You Buy!

Want to borrow a contactless giving device? We have a number of contactless donation devices available for both long and short-term hire, free of charge. We have devices that work both with and without WiFi. If you're thinking of buying your own device for church but want to try it out first, this could be a great opportunity. Also, if you have a specific event coming up and would like to borrow a device to take donations, a short-term loan might be just what you need!

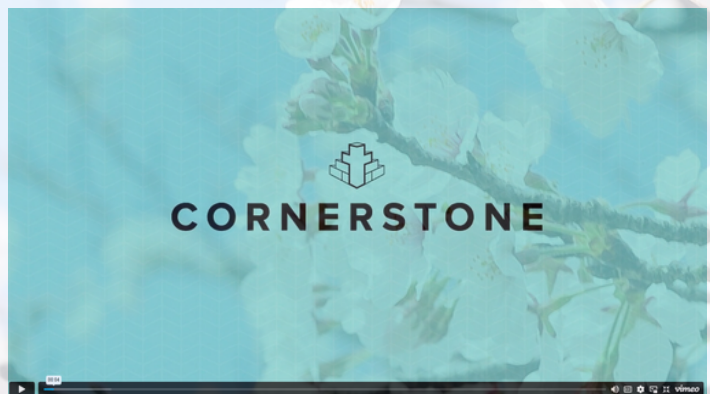


Register your interest by completing [this form](https://forms.office.com/e/r0h2uyxK4L):
<https://forms.office.com/e/r0h2uyxK4L>

Cornerstone- a data-led platform to develop your parish's giving and generosity



Want to know more about Cornerstone? Watch [this short introductory video](#).



Grants Database

Are you looking for funding for a mission or building project? Cornerstone also includes a searchable database of sources of grant funding. If your church would like access to this tool, please contact us here: generosity@lincoln.anglican.org

Online Training for Parish Officers

Once again, the Generous Living Team has developed a programme of short online sessions for PCC treasurers, clergy, churchwardens and others. Please reserve your place by clicking on each of the links below.

26/3/26, 7pm: Cornerstone Users Group

This session is an update and opportunity for feedback for parishes who are current Cornerstone users

14/4/26, 10am: An Introduction to Cornerstone

This session is for parishes interested in finding out about how Cornerstone can help to develop their giving and generosity using existing data.

28/4/26, 7pm: The Cornerstone Grants Database

This is an overview of the searchable database of sources of grant funding which is accessible free of charge through the Cornerstone platform.

30/4/26, 2pm: Getting Started with Contactless Giving

This session provides an overview of contactless giving devices available, and how to borrow, purchase and set them up.

12/5/26, 12pm: Getting Started with Online Giving & QR Codes

This session introduces online giving and how to receive donations using PGS or Give A Little. It also covers QR codes and how to use them for digital fundraising.

24/6/26, 2pm: The Discipleship of Giving and Generosity

This session is for those who want to understand the theology and discipleship that underpins Christian giving.

23/7/26, 12pm: Developing Legacy Giving

This is a session for PCCs which are looking to develop and encourage legacy giving in their parish.

17/9/26, 2pm: An Introduction to the Parish Giving Scheme

This is for any parishes who are considering joining PGS or want to find out more.

6/10/26, 2pm: An Introduction to Fundraising

This session is led in partnership with Ecclesiastical and will include a contribution from Heather Ford, who is their Church Support Officer covering this diocese.

12/11/26, 2pm: Trusteeship and the PCC

This session provides an overview of PCC charitable status, the responsibilities of trustees and touches on PCC registration.