

our ministry and mission

In the coming year we hope to develop:

- ✚ Our Outreach and ministry to the children of the Parish
- ✚ Our Outreach and ministry to the youth of the Parish
- ✚ Our Bible study groups and enquirers courses
- ✚and to sustain our Parish for the future

To run our Parish each week and to fulfil our *ministry and mission*, we have to cover our costs. These include:

- £1620 to pay our 'Diocesan Parish Share'
- £335 for our Clergy and parish staff
- £187 on our buildings insurance, heat, light etc
- £190 on general repairs & maintenance of our buildings

...and so much more.

Each week we will need to raise a total of **£2695**. This will come primarily from our own giving but also from:

- ✚ HMRC for Gift Aided giving and donations
- ✚ fees from weddings, funerals etc
- ✚ the Parish Hall, our fundraising and other income streams

Thank you for helping to make this happen!

how much?

How do we decide how much to give?

There is no one, easy answer, for everyone. We are called to love God and our neighbour and our giving is an expression of that love. This leaflet gives some clear guidance and there are very practical things we can do:

- ✚ **increase** our giving to meet our church's needs
- ✚ **join** the weekly blue envelope giving scheme or give by standing order
- ✚ **optimise** our giving using Gift Aid if we pay tax
- ✚ **make a legacy gift** when we plan for the future of those we love and care for
- ✚ **give proportionately** - a percentage of our income given to fund ministry

At the end of the day how much to give is a thoughtful, prayerful decision only you can make. Love is generous, love is kind and love is selfless - we see that in all God gives to us.

A Stewardship Prayer of Dedication

My parish is composed of people like me – ***I help make it what it is.***

It will be friendly – ***if I am.***

Its pews will be filled – ***if I help fill them.***

It will do great work – ***if I work.***

It will make generous gifts – ***if I am a generous giver.***

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship – ***if I invite and bring them in.***

It will be a church of love and faith - ***if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.***

Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. **Amen**

Please think and pray about your response



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PARISH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST BROUGHTON



*Jesus said, "I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last."
John 15.16
We seek to make Jesus known in our community through our joyful, loving service and worship.*

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**Giving
in Grace** 

our church

Our giving sustains our **worship centres**-sacred places dedicated to worship, prayer and witness.

Our giving sustains our **clergy**, here and across our diocese, and helps train new clergy.

Our giving sustains our **ministry**, measured by every:

- ✚ sick person visited
- ✚ confirmation course run
- ✚ school assembly taken
- ✚ bereaved family comforted
- ✚ baptism and wedding celebrated
- ✚ sermon preached
- ✚ Eucharist celebrated
- ✚ person shown the love of Christ through our care, comfort and compassion

Our giving sustains **mission** both here in the UK and overseas for people we may never meet but to whom we are able to give practical support through our ministry of giving.

This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

2 Cor 9:12

our challenge

To cultivate what St. Paul calls the '**grace of giving**' we need to think carefully about all we receive from God and prayerfully review our giving.

Our church needs £2,695 per week in 2016/17 to sustain our buildings, clergy, our **ministry and our mission**.

To bridge our income gap and for our ministry to flourish we need the **grace of giving**.

The following table gives an example of how we can achieve this:

This many people	increasing weekly giving by	equals this much extra income
15	£2.00	£30.00
26	£2.50	£65.00
44	£3.00	£132.00
39	£4.00	£156.00
22	£4.50	£99.00
19	£5.00	£95.00
Total 165		
To close our weekly income gap of:		£577.00

But just as you excel in everything... see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Cor 8:7

my choices

Our church planned giving scheme has **211** members.

Is it time to join the envelope scheme or move to a standing order?

The Gift Aid scheme has **108** tax payers contributing.

Is it time to join?

Giving to God's work through the church should be a priority.

Is it time to increase?

There are a number of people giving proportionately as the bible teaches.

Is it time to give a percentage of what we receive?

Proportionate giving table				
Weekly income	Giving (£)			
	1%	2%	5%	10%
£100	1.00	2.00	5.00	10.00
£150	1.50	3.00	7.50	15.00
£250	2.50	5.00	12.50	25.00
£480	4.80	9.60	24.00	48.00

This is a ministry for everyone – 'each according to your means'

2 Cor 8:11