

Our Mission "Sharing God's love"

Our Vision Our aim as a church is to:

- worship God with joy and reverence
- tell of God's love in Jesus Christ
- learn about and live our Christian faith
- pray and learn about prayer
- serve God's world through prayer and action
- offer Christ's ministry of wholeness and healing
- encourage all to discover and use their gifts for God
- engage with and nurture children and young people
- welcome everyone warmly and offer generous hospitality
- value and care for each other

In all this, we will use the resources we have, our time, buildings and money, wisely in God's service.

Please use the other side of this tear-off slip to make your response

Jesus said:

"Freely you have received, freely give"

Matthew 10:8

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38

The image on the cover reflects God's generosity to us, to which we are called to respond gratefully and generously.

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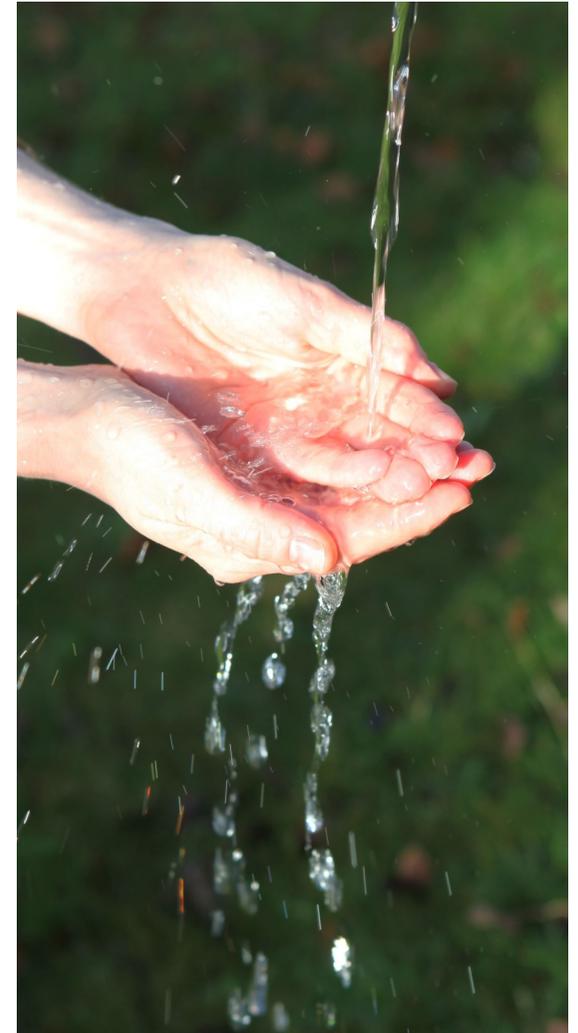
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Other leaflets in this series:

- Welcome to St Mary's
- The Christian Faith
- Getting Married at St Mary's
- Baptism at St Mary's
- Children and Young People
- Lord, teach us to pray
- Healing Ministry at St Mary's
- Death and Bereavement
- Legacies

Planned Giving supporting St Mary's financially

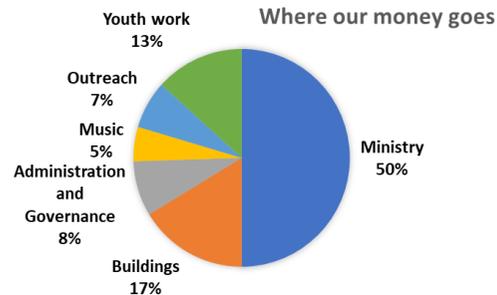


Sharing God's Love

Our mission at St Mary's is to share God's love.

To fulfil our mission we need money to:

- pay and house our clergy;
- keep the church buildings in good condition as a welcoming place fit for our worship of God;
- fund our music, an important part of worship;
- fund our youth work;
- contribute to the cost of ministry across the Diocese; and
- support missionary and outreach work, both locally and further afield.



Our annual expenditure is around £250,000.

It is commonly believed that the Church of England is supported with state funding but this is not the case. We have to raise all the funds we need ourselves.

Our giving enables us to:

- sustain daily public prayer;
- provide regular services of worship and teaching;
- keep our church open every day to welcome all;
- support our community;
- visit the sick and housebound;
- lead enquirers' and confirmation courses;
- take school assemblies;
- run youth and children's groups;
- prepare couples for marriage and families for baptism;

- conduct weddings, baptisms and funerals;
- visit and comfort the bereaved;
- support our linked missionaries and charities;
- show the love of Christ to all through our care, comfort and compassion.

Responding to God's love

In response to God's love, we are called to live gratefully and generously. This means using our time, our abilities and our money in God's service.

Giving our money to God's church

An important principle in thinking about how much to give is the idea of "giving in proportion to what you have." The Church of England's guideline is to give 5% of our income as a starting point. Some Christians follow the Biblical example of giving a tithe, 10%.

Everyone must decide for themselves what to give - we all face different circumstances.

Giving regularly

In order for St Mary's to plan confidently for the future, it is helpful if financial support is given consistently and regularly, weekly or monthly.

By joining our planned giving scheme you can pledge a regular amount either by bank standing order or through our weekly envelope scheme.

If you are a tax payer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% at no extra cost to yourself by completing a Gift Aid declaration which enables us to reclaim tax on your donation.

Your response

If you would like to join our planned giving scheme, please complete the attached form and return it to the Treasurer - details overleaf.

Planned Giving Scheme - your response

I would like to join St Mary's Planned Giving Scheme.

I have decided to make a commitment to give

£ _____ per week or £ _____ per month

Tick all appropriate boxes

- I would like to pay by standing order:
- please send me a form *or*
- I will set up a payment online to Saffron Walden PCC Sort code: 20-74-05 A/c no: 10787655
- I would like to join the weekly envelope scheme
- I am a tax payer and would like to Gift Aid my giving
- I would like some information on leaving the church a legacy in my will

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode. _____

Tel.: _____

E-mail: _____

You can find out how we use your data from our Privacy Notice, which is available from our website www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org or the Parish Office.

If you are unable to commit to regular giving, but would like to discuss other ways in which you could help the church with your time or abilities, please contact the Rector - details overleaf.