



Christ Church Southgate 400th Anniversary

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What happens at Christ Church Southgate matters....

Our clergy support, guide and strengthen us; they are there for us at times of need. We find solace in our beautiful building, which has provided the setting for so many memorable occasions in our lives. Every week we are moved by the beautiful music performed by our talented choir and organists. All of this has helped us to grow in faith, to discover the joy in following Christ, experience a feeling of belonging and a sense of purpose in serving others. In an age where thousands feel isolated, suffer the effects of poverty, feel worthless and hopeless, what we do at Christ Church Southgate is more important than ever. We want to share this with others in our community - to expand our outreach, youth work and education - but we need the resources to do this. Find out how you can help...

The costs of our weekly parish ministry now exceed the income we receive every week from parishioners

Weekly Expenditure

Clergy & Housing	£940	£2,030	Cost of Weekly Ministry
Church Running Costs	£790		
Choir & Music	£300		

Weekly Income

Donations from parishioners	£1,460	£1,810	Weekly Income
Gift Aid recoverable on donations	£350		

We are fortunate to have a PCC who offer strong financial oversight and keep a tight control on our costs. Our weekly parish ministry costs £2,030 per week. The diagram on the next page shows how this is spent. Our clergy stipend, plus pension, housing and council tax costs £940 per week. The cost of heating, lighting & routine maintenance, insurance, printing of pew sheets & employing a part time administrator and youth worker costs £790 per week. Employing our music staff, maintenance of the organ and purchase of music costs £300 a week.

We are grateful to the 128 people who contribute to our regular giving scheme and to those who provide donations in weekly giving envelopes which, with gift aid, provides £1,810 income per week.

Despite this generosity, there is a shortfall of £220 per week between the cost of our parish ministry and the income we receive from parishioners; a deficit of £11,400 a year. That's why we are launching this 400th Anniversary Stewardship Appeal. Our aim is to ensure that the costs of our weekly ministry are met by the congregation.

50% of those who regularly attend church have not yet joined our regular giving scheme

43% of those in our regular giving scheme have not increased their contribution for over 15 years, during which time the cost of our weekly ministry has increased.

Income from parishioners

£1,810 per week

Our parish ministry costs

£2,030 per week

Spending an additional £70 per week could help us to significantly increase our youth work and outreach.



Spending an additional £100 per week could help us to staff the office and keep the church open for an extra day.



Spending an additional £10 per week could help to fund the purchase of two new sets of music for the choir.



We want to expand our outreach & youth work, but we need the resources to do this. Please support our 400th Anniversary Stewardship appeal.

Why I support Christ Church Southgate through the regular giving scheme....



Sandra supports Christ Church through our regular giving scheme

“Christ Church has been the setting for many memorable occasions, some very personal ones too;

both my daughter’s baptisms, a confirmation and most recently my wedding last October. Our church is absolutely beautiful. Its windows & art attract people from near & far. I’ve always thought that it has the most wonderful feel to it.

For me, it’s a perfect place to worship in. I feel so lucky.

I support the regular giving scheme so that this special building can be maintained now & in the future.”

“As soon as I came to Christ Church I knew it was a welcoming, friendly place.

I was honoured to be elected to the PCC and appointed Treasurer this year. There is so much we want to do to enable us to reach out to more people in our community.

I support the regular giving scheme because what we do makes a difference to people.

I have recently reviewed my pledge and changed the way I give from a weekly envelope to a monthly standing order, to help the church to plan ahead more easily and to reduce costs.”



Senaka supports Christ Church through our regular giving scheme



Teresa supports Christ Church through our regular giving scheme

“There are many reasons I support Christ Church through the regular giving scheme. The Sunday School and Youth Group have been a real asset to my son. He has made lifelong friends and grown in faith. I want Christ Church to

expand and enhance its youth work and outreach and I will be reviewing my pledge to help make this happen.”



Barbara supports Christ Church through our regular giving scheme

"I support Christ Church through regular giving because what happens here matters and I want it to continue. The clergy were there for me at a time when I was dealing with challenging events in my life and I remain so grateful for their wisdom and guidance. The support from friends I have made at Christ Church has been overwhelming. Anyone in our parish can call on our church at times of need. I support the regular giving scheme because I want to make sure this important work can continue."

"I support Christ Church through the regular giving scheme because I want the church and the choir to flourish. All my family have sung in the choir. My younger son, who learnt so much here under the supervision of our Director of Music, is now a chorister at Westminster Abbey."

As well as being part of the regular giving scheme, I help to provide coaching to our choristers as part of the RSCM's "Voice for Life" programme, which gives young people a solid musical and liturgical knowledge and helps them to play a full part in the life of our church."



Liz supports Christ Church through our regular giving scheme



Ronald supports Christ Church through our regular giving scheme

"From the very first service I attended, it has always been a joy worshipping at Christ Church, whether at an ordinary Sunday service or a festive celebration. I always find Christ Church a place of comfort and its community full of loving care & friendship."

I am proud of its heritage and feel grateful to our forebears for having built it up and maintained it. To maintain all these things that we treasure and enjoy, and to preserve them for generations to come,

I urge you to make our church financially sustainable by joining me in the regular giving scheme."

How you can support our 400th Anniversary Stewardship Appeal



Read the information in this leaflet. Think and pray about how much you can afford to give.



Half of the people on our electoral roll who regularly attend church are not currently members of our regular giving scheme. If you are not currently supporting Christ Church in this way, please consider doing so. Ask one of the Churchwardens or the Stewardship Recorder for a standing order form.



If you are currently part of the regular giving scheme but making a contribution by weekly envelope, please consider changing to a Standing Order. This saves us time and money.



If you are currently part of the regular giving scheme, please consider reviewing your Standing Order. 43% of those in stewardship have not changed their contribution for more than fifteen years, during which time the cost of our weekly ministry has increased considerably. We are grateful for all contributions and we know that many are on a fixed income. 36% of those in the regular giving scheme give less than £5 per week

By all working together we can meet the challenge of raising sufficient funds to pay for our weekly ministry - and perhaps even expand it. **If twelve more people joined the regular giving campaign at £10 a week and those already in regular giving increased their pledge by 5%, we would be able to cover our costs.** Raising even more in regular giving would be even better.

Thank You

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