

19 September 2025

Dear St John's Church member

Gift Day and Stewardship Appeal 2025

Every year around this time I write to ask you to review your financial support for St John's.

Our financial need this year is particularly acute, for two reasons.

First, because a gas leak has recently been discovered outside our Church building (thankfully without injury to people or property), requiring the gas to be immediately switched off until a repair is carried out. Until this happens (at a cost of around £20,000) we face the winter with no heating, either in the St John's Centre or the Church, and no access to our usual range of kitchen provision. We are therefore encouraging you to consider a one-off gift, according to your means, to help us to carry out this unexpected work. Any size of gift is welcome, large or small.

Second, the impact of inflation means that regular giving needs to increase, if income is not to fall significantly short of expenditure on church ministry and the necessary maintenance of our building.

I therefore appeal to everyone either to review their regular giving, or begin to give regularly, according to your means, in order that St John's may continue to be a dedicated Parish Church: preaching the Gospel, worshipping God, developing our pastoral outreach, and engaging in mission and service.

How to give

For both one-off gifts and regular giving, we encourage you to use the Parish Giving Scheme which you can do either online here [<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/cambridge-st-john-evangelist-cambridge/>] or by picking up a Parish Giving Scheme pack at the back of church. The Parish Giving Scheme makes local management of giving more straightforward and recovery of Gift Aid is quicker.

Of course, if you wish to, you can also use contactless giving or pay by cheque or cash via the collection box, or make a payment, or set up a standing order, to 'Parochial Church Council of St John the Evangelist' No 2 Account', Sort Code 20-17-19, Acc. 23848043.

Gift Aid

Whatever way you choose to give, please remember that Gift Aid increases substantially the value of your giving, and that whether you give online or by cheque or in cash, it is

particularly important that you give our Treasurer, Roger Lilley, the information we need to be able to recover the Gift Aid.

If you haven't already signed a Gift Aid form, please pick one up from the back of Church, and if you give online or by contactless giving, please speak to Roger about how to ensure your giving can be Gift Aided.

Thank you for your generous presence at St John's, sharing in the exciting and transforming work of God's Kingdom in South Cambridge.

Yours in Christ,



Revd Canon James Shakespeare
Vicar, St John the Evangelist Cambridge