

## How YOU can help...

### Please fill in a Promise Form

We do need a fresh form from everyone showing how much they are able to give now on a regular basis.

But we do understand that this may change in the future.

If your circumstances do alter, you can change your giving at any time.

Even if you are an existing supporter, we need a fresh form to confirm whether you are increasing or continuing your support.

### Gift Aid - a gift from HMRC!

If you pay tax, HMRC will add a tax refund of 25% to your Gift. This Tax Refund costs you nothing, providing you pay as much Tax as the Church claims back.

Please tick the Gift Aid box on your Promise Form to make this possible. That is all you have to do!

### Standing Order or Weekly Envelopes?

A **Bank Standing Order** is simple and safe - and also saves time for our Church Treasurer. For those who prefer to give in cash **Weekly Offering Envelopes** can be provided.

### Returning your Promise Form

Please fill in your Promise Form and return it in the enclosed envelope by **Sunday 30th June 2013**. If you are unable to give, please indicate this on the form.

Please return your sealed envelope to the special box in Church, or **mail the envelope** to Sally Williams, our Giving Administrator.

If you are not sure what to do, don't worry. One of our volunteers will be in touch if we haven't heard from you by Sunday 30th June 2013, simply to collect your form in its sealed envelope, or to offer confidential help.

### Existing givers, please note...

Even though you may not be considering any change to your current arrangements at present, please complete a new form to ensure we are maintaining accurate Gift Aid records for HMRC purposes

*If you have any questions, do please ring  
our Giving Administrator,  
Sally, on 0115 8451656*

## Looking Forward

We have looked at the **average annual cost** of your Church and its work over the next 5 years is likely to be:

### Serving God and our Community.....

- **Worship and Parish Work** includes the cost of Church Services, Music, the Parish Office, outreach Work, Clergy expenses. **£ 34,500 p.a.**
- **Clergy pay, housing and pensions.** Each Vicar / Rector costs about £44,000 p.a. once pay, housing, pensions, Nat. Ins. and Council Tax are added up. Parishes pay towards the overall cost of Clergy in the Diocese in proportion to their congregations and professional ministry. The Parish Share paid makes it possible for Clergy to carry out vital ministry in inner city and council estate parishes or isolated rural areas. **£78,500 p.a.**
- **Youth and Children's Work** helping our young people build positive futures. **£ 1,000 p.a.**
- **Supporting Missions and Charities** at home and overseas. **£ 9,000 p.a.**

### Valuing our Inheritance or Building for the Future.....

- **Caring for the Church buildings** including heat, light, insurance, and ongoing maintenance. **£ 35,000 p.a.**

**Total Costs per year** **£158,000 p.a.**

Income, other than regular giving, over the next five years will come from Weddings and Funerals, investments, fundraising, donations and cash in church

**Total income per year** **£68,000 p.a.**

**To enable this work to continue, we need regular giving each year of** **£90,000 p.a.**



**Church for all  
Love at the centre  
Jesus our focus**

## Giving thanks at St Mary's Church

There is much to give thanks for at St Mary's Church. Firstly those who give generously of time and other resources to enable our Church to be a living centre of worship and care in this community.

New groups are becoming established, such as Rock Solid for the youth and monthly meetings at the Manvers. The facilities created through our Church Hall are making possible both fellowship and mission opportunities.

Everyone can find a home at St Mary's Church from regular Sunday worship to mid week services on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Monthly Sunday worship for our younger children at Messy Church, young people, families and older people, all find a welcome within the diversity of worship and fellowship.

St Mary's Church is very much at the heart of our community life, offering a haven of peace and reflection. The church stands as a reminder of the presence of God in our daily lives, supporting people at times of joy and of sorrow.

## Priorities for the future are...

- To continue to be available for regular worship, in addition to Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, and those services which bring the community together at Christmas, Easter, Remembrance and Harvest.
- Visiting the sick, bereaved and others in pastoral need, including those in local retirement and care homes.
- Working in our church and local schools to help young people and families as they explore together the purpose of God for their lives.
- Offering welcome and friendship through opening our church hall, Monday to Thursday mornings for coffee.
- Caring for our church buildings, so that this focus for community and spiritual life can be passed on to future generations.

*Please read on to see how your support can make a real difference ...*

## The Challenge ahead ...

Our Income from Regular Giving is presently **£62,850 p.a.**  
To continue our work and care for the buildings we need to increase this to **£90,000 p.a.**  
(to see how this is made up, please see back page)

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**We are asking everyone to fill in a fresh Promise Form at this point. Whatever your decision, every gift will be appreciated**

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Here's how we could meet the challenge:-

5 people giving at £ 150 per month	(£ 35 per wk)
8 people giving at £ 100 per month	(£ 23 per wk)
10 people giving at £ 80 per month	(£ 18 per wk)
12 people giving at £ 60 per month	(£ 14 per wk)
15 people giving at £ 50 per month	(£ 11 per wk)
15 people giving at £ 40 per month	(£ 9 per wk)
15 people giving at £ 30 per month	(£ 7 per wk)
15 people giving at £ 25 per month	(£ 6 per wk)
20 people giving at £ 20 per month	(£ 5 per wk)
20 people giving at £ 15 per month	(£ 4 per wk)
20 people giving at £ 10 per month	(£ 2 per wk)
20 people giving at £ 5 per month	(£ 1 per wk)
175 Promises will total	<b>£ 74,000 p.a.</b>

If all those who pay tax Gift Aid their giving, HMRC will refund a further **£ 16,000 p.a.**  
That makes **£ 90,000 in total**

## How much should I give?

The Church of England encourages Christians to consider prayerfully giving 5% (or £1 in £20) of their after-tax income to and through their local Church, and a similar amount to other work that helps to build God's kingdom. This is consistent with the biblical principle of the tithe.

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**Through giving his life for us, Jesus provided the ultimate demonstration of God's generosity. Giving is at the centre of God's character - God gives us life, and his giving is renewed daily.**

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**£100 per month** would pay a quarter of the monthly cost of insuring our Church building and hall

**£80 per month** would pay for one quarter of the cost of maintaining our church building



**£40 per month** would pay for one half of funding for young people



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**'Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.'** *1st Chronicles 29: 11,14*

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