

# OUR CHURCH

## Our giving sustains

Our church building – it is a sacred place dedicated to worship, prayer and witness

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Clergy here in this parish and across the diocese and the training of new clergy, lay and ordained.

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parish ministry in all its forms – visiting sick people, every bereaved family we comfort, every baptism celebrated, every sermon preached, every Eucharist celebrated, every children’s service held, every involvement in our church schools, and every person shown the love of Christ through our care, comfort and compassion.

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Mission both here in our diocese and overseas for people we will never meet but to whom we are able to give practical support through our ministry of giving.

**“Where your treasure is there your heart will be also.” Luke 12.34**

# OUR CHALLENGE

**To cultivate the grace of giving we need to think carefully about all we receive from God, consider our priorities then prayerfully review our giving.**

Our parish needs £926 Per week in 2017 for its ministry of worship, witness, service and mission.

In 2016 our weekly income was £ 760  
In order to meet the shortfall of £166 per week, and for this ministry to be adequately funded we need the grace of giving.

The following table gives an example of how that might happen.

***“But just as you excel in everything.... See that you also excel in this grace of giving” 2 Cor 8:11***

<b><i>This many people</i></b>	<b><i>Increasing giving by £</i></b>	<b><i>Equals this income for a year</i></b>
1	2	104
2	2	208
5	2	520
10	2	1040
20	2	2080
50	2	5200
<b><i>To meet our target of</i></b>		<b><i>£48200</i></b>

# OUR CHOICES

A church planned giving scheme is a commitment to give consistently and aids financial budgeting.

**Is it time to join the planned giving scheme?**

The Gift Aid scheme in 2016 £1900 out of £25000 Church Giving.

**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.

**Is it time to give in proportion to what we receive?**

<b>Weekly income</b>	<b>Giving 1% £</b>	<b>2% £</b>	<b>5% £</b>	<b>10% £</b>
<b>£100</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>£200</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>£300</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>£400</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>

## Offertory Prayer

O God of all abundance, who bestows riches on all who call upon you, implant in us that same spirit of giving that we who freely receive your gifts may also freely give. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## In 2016 each week on average we spent

£561	on our share of clergy stipend, housing training and support costs
£366	On our buildings, including insurance, heat light etc
£68	On worship and ministry costs, including the uses of our buildings
Total	995

## In 2016 each week on average we received:

£281	From regular giving
£37	From Inland Revenue from Gift Aided donations and giving
£54	From fees for funerals and wedding
£2	From magazine income
£192	From use of buildings and fundraising
£194	From other sources
Total	760

**Thank you for your gift**

Dear Friends

Thank you for your contribution to the life and fellowship of Holy Trinity and Woodhouses Church.. Your time, your talents, and your energy, as well as your giving , play an important part in seeing lives changed through the ministry of our parish. We are truly blessed with the riches of God's grace, however it is easy to fall into complacency and we look forward to exciting and challenging times under God.

Even so, if we are to sustain our current levels of mission and ministry, let alone extend them an increase in giving of £166 pw is required. As Christians we are called to be generous givers of our time, talents and money, in order to further God's will.

Please join me and consider prayerfully your commitment to the family of our churches, both financially as well as in other ways. There is much more we can still do, indeed more that God would like us to do.

Revd Tony Grant



**Holy Trinity Church**



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