



st peter  
in eastgate  
in carlton

# Giving

to support the mission  
and ministry of St Peter's

"Each one should give what he has  
decided in his heart to give"

*2 Corinthians 9:7*



Here at St Peter's, we are seeking to listen to God's Word, so that we grow more like God's Son, and are equipped to serve God's mission on our frontlines, in our community and in the world.

Seeking to do this, in obedience to Jesus' commands, involves making sacrifices in our lives as we give ourselves, our time, our talents and our money.

We hope this booklet, will help you as you consider particularly your financial response to the good news of the Gospel.

The financial support of our vision is entirely dependent upon the giving of the congregations. If you consider yourself part of the church family of St Peter's, we would like to encourage you to

- Give regularly
- Review your giving annually

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel and for taking time to consider your giving to the mission and ministry of St Peter's.

**Vicar and Churchwardens**

# Our Vision

In 2016 the Church Council (PCC) identified three values which inspire and guide us as a church to 3,2,1 ..... go!

## 3 values which inspire and guide us

### Gathering



We are committed to gathering to hear God's Word regularly, in order to build together an authentic Christian community

### Growing



We are seeking to grow lifelong disciples of God's Son, Jesus, who receive Him as Lord, become rooted in Him and are learning to live fruitful lives of service which glorify Him

### Going



Our heart is to go out in the power of God's Spirit to serve God's mission to this generation and the next, in word and action, in Lincoln and beyond.

## 2 locations in which we meet and serve

St Peter's includes the historic parish of Eastgate where Christians have met for over 900 years and a brand new parish at Carlton; two worship locations seeking to reflect and serve their communities.

## 1 church united by one Lord and one vision

The two parishes operate with one Church Council, share the same vision, staff team, and finances.

# What the Bible says about giving

The Bible has a great deal to say about money, our attitude to it and what we do with it.

"Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." *2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

## Why give?

### In response to God's Grace

God has shown his great love for sinful and unworthy people like us in the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Having received such undeserved generosity we should be motivated to give generously in response. We are to be like God - not reluctant givers, but wanting to give generously from all that He has given us.

### In recognition of God's gifts

God wants us to be generous - not just with our money but with our time, energy, skills, homes and possessions. If we have received God's abundant

grace then we all have something to give. Sometimes these other things are harder to give than money.

### In reaction to needs and priorities

The apostle Paul encourages the Corinthian Christians to give generously to a collection for other Christians in poverty. God's priorities are that his people should come first in our giving: those who teach the word of God (1 Tim 5:17), those in need in our church (James 1:27, 1 Tim 5:8) and those in need in other churches (2 Cor 8:9). So the needs are both the local work of St Peters and further afield in the wider church.

# How to give?

## Abundantly

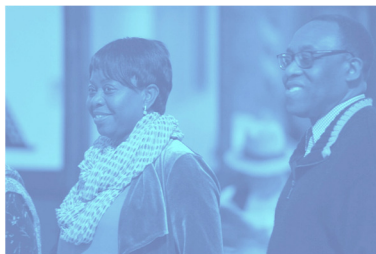
The apostle Paul stresses the abundant nature of God's giving towards us so that we may give abundantly in response. *God is able to make **all** grace abound in you, so that in **all** things at **all** times, having **all** that you need, you will abound in **every** good work.* The Old Testament commanded a tithe (10% of income). The New Testament is far more radical: we are to be generous givers of all we have. Some will give far more than 10% of their income, others less.

## Thoughtfully

*Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give.* We need to think carefully about what resources we have been given, what our responsibilities are and how we can give money in the most effective way.

## Joyfully

*God loves a cheerful giver.* It's easy to give for the wrong reasons - to relieve our guilt, to avoid other avenues of Christian service, to be seen to be generous by others. The apostle Paul tells us that God loves a joyful and big-hearted response to all that he has lavished on us.



## How can I give?

There are various options depending on your circumstances and preferences.

All forms and queries can be directed to the Treasurer via the church office or at [treasurer@stpeterineastgate.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stpeterineastgate.org.uk). All donors and donations remain confidential to the Treasurer.

## Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, we can reclaim 25% of your gift (regular and one off) from HMRC. Please complete a gift aid declaration.

Note that, once you have completed a Gift Aid form for St Peter's, we will claim the Gift Aid on all gifts that are eligible and are clearly from you unless you tell us otherwise. Should your tax situation change so that you no longer pay enough tax to qualify, you will need to inform us.

## Regular Giving

It is a great help to have a high proportion of our income coming from reliable, predictable regular giving, as this helps us to plan well.

**The main way we encourage you to do is through the Parish Giving Scheme. This is a national church scheme which hugely eases the administration of donations for us.**

It is secure, confidential and easy to use. All your money comes to St Peter's. You will find an information pack and form with this leaflet.

## Standing Orders

You can still give by standing order if you wish (by setting it up online or writing to your bank) using the account details below. Please make sure the Treasurer will be able to identify it for gift aid purposes.

Account name:  
**St Peter in Eastgate PCC**

Account No: **02175525**

Sort Code: **40-28-20**



## PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Eastgate PGS code:  
210621084

Carlton PGS code:  
210621714

## One-off Gifts

These can be made by:

- Bank transfer (please include your name as a reference and email the Treasurer so we can identify your giving)
- Cheque (made payable to St Peter in Eastgate PCC)
- Cash in the collection plate (please use the gift aid envelopes provided if you qualify)

## Remembering St Peter's in my will

In planning our legacy we should pray for God's guidance. We all have different priorities for family, friends and good causes that we might be able to help when we die.

The mission and ministry of St Peter's has been enormously enhanced by the generosity of one former parishioner, who left sufficient money to build the side rooms we now use for all kinds of ministry on Sundays and throughout the week.

If you think that it might be appropriate to include St Peter's as one of the beneficiaries of your estate, please do so when writing your will. If you would like to discuss this in confidence, please contact the Treasurer in the first instance.

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