

## GIVING

### Why give?

As a church we don't tend to talk very much about money. It can be off-putting to visitors, and we never want people to feel under pressure. We don't therefore take up collections during our services. We do believe, however, that giving is an important part of our discipleship and worship.

Like most churches St Margaret's depends for its income almost entirely on the giving from its members. It is not financed by the Church of England centrally, or by wealth inherited from past generations. St Margaret's needs this income to fulfil its mission here in Angmering and to assist its mission partners in other countries.

### How much should I give?

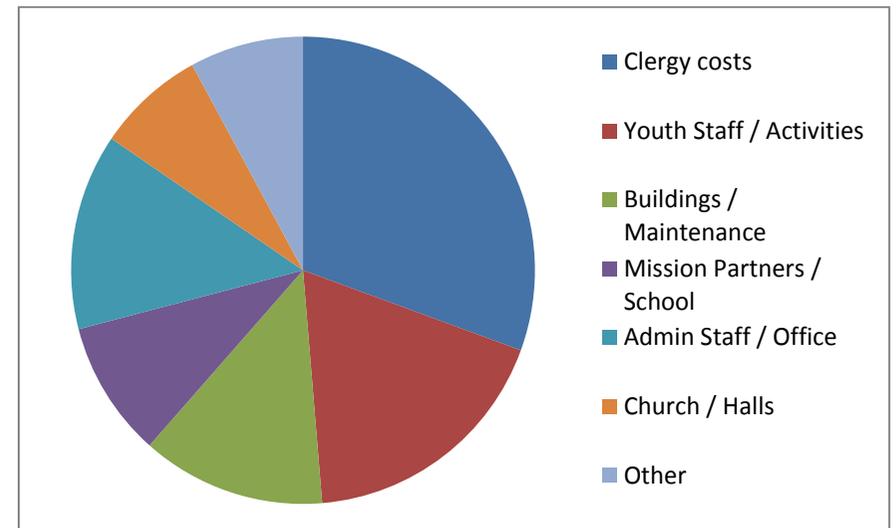
The Bible is a rich source of information and teaching about this. The Old Testament encourages us to give the first part of our harvest (identified as a tithe or tenth) back to God as part of our worship.

How much we give must naturally remain a personal matter. Jesus teaches us that it is not just the amount of our gift which is important, but the priority we give to it and the attitude of our hearts.

However to help you in making this very personal decision the General Synod of the Church of England has challenged individuals to give 5% of their income after tax to and through the Church, and a similar amount to other good causes.

### How is it used?

It costs nearly £5,100 a week for St Margaret's to meet all its commitments.



Around 31% goes on the cost of our clergy and support for the diocese, 18% on our youth and children's staff cost and activities, 13% on the upkeep of our buildings and churchyard and we give away 9% to our mission partners and St Margaret's School. Of the remaining 29%, this is divided between office salaries and administration costs 14%, running costs of the church and halls 7%, leaving 8% to cover everything else.

### **How do I give?**

Everyone who considers themselves a member of the church family is asked to consider joining the Planned Giving Scheme. You decide what percentage of your income you will give and make a pledge to give that amount – either monthly by banker's standing order or in cash through the weekly envelope scheme.

The advantages of pledged giving to St Margaret's are twofold. First it enables us to plan ahead with much more certainty and helps you to be more disciplined and regular in your giving. Second, if you pay income tax, then you can complete a Gift Aid declaration, which enables St Margaret's to recover income tax at the standard rate on your donation. This means we would currently receive from the tax authorities an extra £25 for every £100 that you give.

If your income is irregular, or you do not consider yourself a member of St Margaret's but would still like to support the church, then you may like to give a one-off donation. Again income tax payers can increase the value of their gift by using the blue Gift Aid envelope and completing the Gift Aid Declaration. Donations can be left in the offering plate by the entrance lobby in church or sent to the church office.

### **Want to know more?**

If you would like further help in this area of giving then speak to our Treasurer, John Bawler on 01903 782698 or email [johnbawler@gmail.com](mailto:johnbawler@gmail.com). If you require a Standing Order form, Gift Aid Declaration or would like to be part of the Envelope Scheme then speak to our Planned Giving Officer, Derek Dainton on 01903 785678 or email [derek.dainton@gmail.com](mailto:derek.dainton@gmail.com).

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