

Why Give?

St Eustachius' Parish Church is a **registered charity** (no.1130516) relying on donations to meet all of our expenses: **Church Work** such as young people's activities and pastoral care. **Running Costs** such as administration, utility bills, and staff salaries. Exeter Diocese asks us to pay a share of its expenses, including clergy stipends (salaries), administrative costs, mission and charitable work.

This **Common Fund** is calculated to reflect the number of people who attend services and average income in this area. **General Maintenance and Repair** for an historic building costs thousands of pounds each year.

Recent **Special Projects** have included refurbishing and updating the Parish Centre to provide better kitchen and audio-visual facilities; repairing the organ; repairing the church tower; cleaning the stained glass. Upcoming projects include: repairing the roof and ceilings; improving the use of space at the back of the church.

God has created us and given us everything that we have. Giving is our heartfelt response to the love of God for all that we have received.

'All things come from you and of your own do we give you.' ¹ 1 Chronicles 29:14

As Christians we have a prime responsibility to support the life, work and witness of our church, Christ's own body here on earth, both within our own community and elsewhere. 'They gave themselves first to the Lord.' ² 2 Corinthians 8:5

How to Give

Gladly and willingly, not out of compulsion or duty, but **because our heart is in it**.

'Each one should give what they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.' ² 2 Corinthians 9:7

Regularly, in a planned way. Not from what is left over, but '*first to the Lord*.' The assurance of a regular income helps the church to plan.

'On the first day of the week, each of you is to put aside some money.' ¹ 1 Corinthians 16:2

What to Give

Proportionally: whether our income is small or large, giving a proportion means we give in a fair way.

'Each of you is to put aside some money in proportion to what you have.' ¹ 1 Corinthians 16:2

The Diocese of Exeter recommends that church members give at least 5%, that's just 5p in every £1, to the church.

Realistically: we need to compare what we give to the church, to God's work, with what we spend on other things. What priority do we set on it?

'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' ¹ Luke 12:34

Thank you for considering making a donation to St Eustachius' church. Any amount, whether large or small, is very welcome.

FAQs

Who can I talk to about giving to St Eustachius' Church?

The treasurer, planned giving officer or legacy officer would be happy to advise you. Please use the contact details at the end of this leaflet.

What is the best way to give?

Giving by **standing order** means that you don't have to remember to write a cheque or find the cash each week or month. It saves on administration costs and helps both you and the church to budget. The **planned giving scheme** allows you to give the same amount by cash or cheque each week. Advising the church, when setting up a standing order or planned giving, that you are a tax payer will enable tax to be reclaimed from the Government on donations under the Gift Aid scheme. Using the yellow **Gift Aid envelopes** in the pews enables us to claim tax back on one-off donations, provided all the details on the front of the envelope are complete.

I can't afford to give at the moment. What else can I do?

Leaving a **legacy** to the church is much easier than most people think. Ask for a legacy leaflet. Do you have **time or talents** which you could donate to the church?

How do I know that my money is used wisely?

A summary of the church accounts is available from the Parish Office. You can also specify what your donation is used for.

To Make a Donation

Please go to www.virginmoneygiving.com and enter 'Tavistock' to donate by credit/debit card or fill in this form and return it to the address below with your cheque (made payable to **Tavistock Parochial Church Council**). Please print clearly.

Name (surname and initials)

House No./Name

Street

Town

Postcode

E-mail address (optional)

Telephone number (optional)

St Eustachius' Parish Church is a registered charity, number 1130516



Gift Aid Declaration

I wish Gift Aid to apply to the enclosed donation and I confirm I will pay in this tax year an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount that all charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs to which I give will reclaim for this year (25p for each £1 given).

I understand that other taxes such as Council Tax and VAT do not qualify.

Please tick

For More Information

Please contact the Parish Treasurer, Planned Giving Officer or Legacy Officer

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