

*The United Benefice of Peasedown St John with Wellow*

# *The Parish of Wellow*

## Giving

How can you contribute  
to God's Work here

'Each man should give what he has decided  
in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver' 2 Corinthians 9:7

# Introduction

St Paul tells us that God loves one who gives gladly! This leaflet outlines how your giving can help God's work both in the Parish of Wellow and elsewhere.

Apart from the clergy stipends, which are paid from central Church funds, everything we do has to be funded by us as a Church Family. From maintaining the church building to Sunday notice sheets, we need resources to cover costs. Each year, our needs grow, especially if we are not simply to maintain what we presently do, but further God's ministry as we are led forward into new areas of work by the guidance of His Holy Spirit.

God's people have always responded to His grace and love by giving back to Him some of all that He gives us so generously. Our giving to God must never be seen solely in money terms, but neither must we shy away from the financial implications of our discipleship. The classic expression of this in the scriptures is the tithe, whereby we give straight back to God one tenth of our income. 'Giving' is then offered from the 90% remaining. Each year we as a church plan to give 10% of our income towards Outreach and Mission.

This leaflet outlines some of the ways you can help. If you would like further informal help or information, please do contact:

Clover Holland (Treasurer & Stewardship Recorder)

01225 833348

## How can payments be made?

- Our preferred option is directly to the Church account by Standing Order form enclosed, or further forms are available from Clover Holland (once completed, Standing Order forms should be returned to Clover Holland: Wellhopeknow, Station Road, Wellow, Bath, BA2 8QB)
- Through the envelope scheme further details & supplies of envelopes can be obtained from the Stewardship Recorder
- By cash or cheque in the collection box (cheques should be made payable to 'PCC of Wellow')

If you are a taxpayer, it is highly desirable that you sign a Gift Aid Declaration in order that the Church can reclaim from the Inland Revenue the tax on your giving. In effect, this increases your giving painlessly at a stroke (see below for details). If you are a higher rate taxpayer, please remember that we only reclaim tax at the basic rate - you can claim further relief by including any donations on your tax return.

## Gift Aid Declaration

A Gift Aid Declaration is a simple form in which you state that you wish the church to recover the tax paid on your donations.

A Gift Aid Declaration can apply to all the donations you make, however large or small, and whether you make regular or 'one-off' payments.

What matters is that the church can identify each payment you make. It is preferable therefore, that payment be made either by Standing Order or through the Envelope Scheme.

If you wish to pay by cash or cheque, please place these in a sealed envelope addressed to the Stewardship Recorder and identifying yourself as the donor.

Gift Aid Declaration Forms are available in the giving pack or from the Stewardship Recorder.

## Legacies

It is possible to make the Church a beneficiary in your will, which is a way of ensuring our work for God goes on after your own work for Him here is done. If you feel guided by God to do this, please speak to Clover Holland (01225 833348) for confidential advice and further details.

Together we may excel in the grace of giving  
and so test the sincerity of our love;  
for you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that though he was rich yet for our sakes he became poor  
(2 Corinthians 8:8-9)