

Giving to support the ministry

If you are already giving to St Bart's, we want to thank you for all you are contributing to our spiritual life here and to our impact for Jesus in our community, our country and our world. Your gift is hugely valued, but can we ask you to take this opportunity to consider your current circumstances and to review and pray about your giving and whether this should increase, stay the same or decrease.

If you don't yet give to St Bart's, but consider us your church family and spiritual home, then can we ask you to prayerfully consider partnering with us by contributing to our financial needs for the coming year?

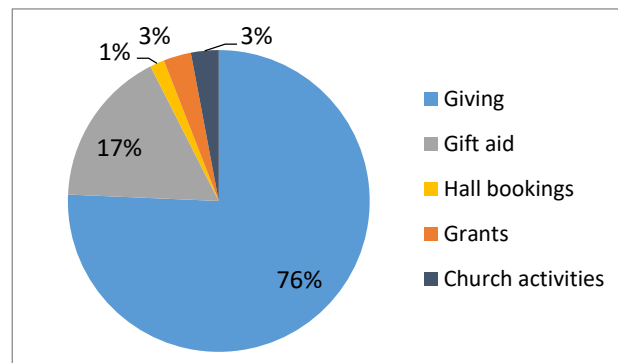
Biblical principles for giving

- Christian giving is *supernatural* (2 Cor 8:7). We should ask God to spur us to give as He wants us to.
- Christian giving is *spontaneous* (2 Cor 9:7). We should give because we want to, not because we are told to.
- Christian giving is *sacrificial* (2 Cor 8:3). Our giving should contain an element of sacrifice.
- Christian giving is *systematic*: (1 Cor 16:2). We should plan how we give and avoid the "let's see what I have in my pocket today" syndrome.
- Giving is *symbolic*: (2 Cor 8:5). Our giving should be a token of a life given wholly to Christ in response to his life given for us.

The Church's Income

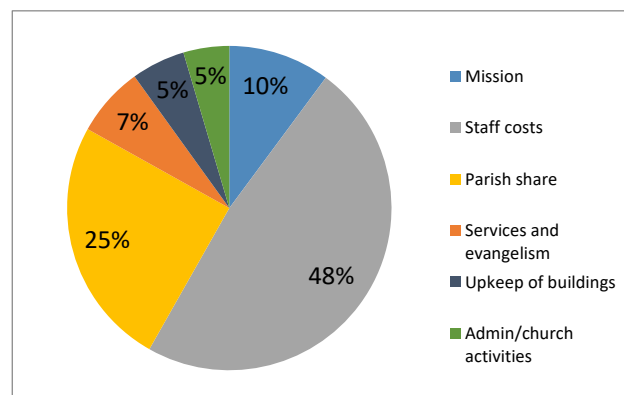
Our unrestricted income for the year to 31 December 2022 is forecast to be £350,000 (compared to our budget of £370,000).

Over 90% of this comes from gifts from church members and the gift aid we can claim on top.



The Church's Expenditure

Our unrestricted expenditure for the year to 31 December 2022 is expected to be £380,000 (compared to a budget of £380,000)



The parish share predominantly funds salaries and training for the church's clergy meaning that three quarters of our expenditure is effectively on staffing costs.

How can I give?

The most helpful way to give is by standing order. This helps us to predict our future income levels, which in turn allows us to plan our expenditure appropriately. You can either use the form overleaf or set up directly with your bank using the details on the form.

If you wish to make a one-off donation to the work of St Bart's, this can be done by making a bank transfer using the bank details on the standing order form. Alternatively, gifts can be made by placing cash or a cheque (payable to St Bartholomew's PCC) in the collection plate at King Edward Road.

Please email the treasurer with details of any giving set up directly with your bank.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 you give, whether regular or one off. To allow us to do this, please complete the Gift Aid declaration on the reverse.

Higher rate taxpayers can claim additional tax relief (approximately another 25p). Please contact the treasurer if you would like to understand this further.

Giving beyond St Bart's

In addition to supporting ministry through St Bart's, we encourage individuals and families to consider the challenge of supporting Christians in need around the world. There are some excellent parachurch organisations that work in these areas. Please speak to us if you need any suggestions.

Standing Order Form

To the manager of: (your bank)

Bank address:

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.....Postcode.....

Please pay the sum of £.....

(amount in words: pounds)

on the day of 20.... and the same

sum on the same day annually / quarterly / monthly

(**delete** as appropriate)

from Sort Code:

Account Number:

to **Account name: St Bartholomew's PCC**

Account number: 02506831 Sort Code: 56-00-34

at NatWest Bank, 24-25 Stall Street, Bath, BA1 1QF

This replaces all previous standing orders to this beneficiary.

Signature:

Date

Your Name:

Your address:

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..... Postcode

Please return this form to: Nathan Thomas (Treasurer) St Bart's Church Office, 1 King Edward Road, Bath, BA2 3PB or place it in a sealed envelope in a collection plate.

Please do not send it direct to your bank.

If you set up or adjust your giving directly online, please email treasurer@stbartsbath.org to let us know.

UK Taxpayers Gift Aid Declaration

I want to Gift Aid all donations I make to St Bartholomew's PCC from the date of this declaration and until I notify it otherwise.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title: Full Name:

Address:

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Post Code:

Email:

Phone:

Signature:

Date:

Please notify us if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains
- are giving jointly with your spouse, and need us to claim Gift Aid in both your names and/or in specific proportions
- would like to discuss making a 'legacy gift' in your will. (information is also available at the back of church in the 'Wills Matter' leaflet)

Please return this form to Nathan Thomas (St Bart's Treasurer).

Partners in Giving

2022/2023

"Everyone 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



Growing Individuals
Growing the Church
Growing our impact for Jesus in the World