



A simple way to give to your church

St Margaret's of Antioch, Lee



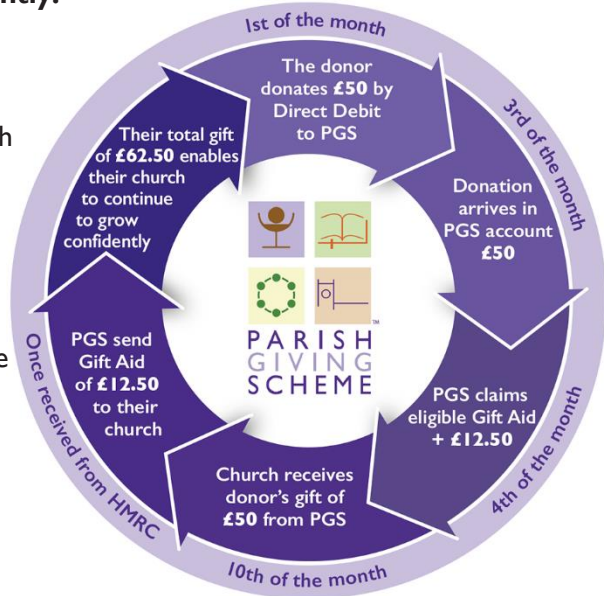
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Thank you for your support for our church. The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a new, free way to help you plan your giving and, where appropriate, to do so tax efficiently.

Whether you currently give by standing order, envelope, or open plate, you can easily make the switch to this secure and efficient Direct Debit system.

Used by over 55,000 donors across 30 dioceses, the PGS is tried, tested and highly recommended. This reliable and easy to use scheme can help you manage your giving in a stress-free way.

This leaflet supplements the information in the PGS gift form.



How does the PGS work?

You give your regular donations to your church via the PGS by Direct Debit on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis on the 1st of the month. Your full gift and any associated Gift Aid is automatically credited to your church in the same month.

At any time, you can change or cancel the amount by a simple phone call, so you can confirm the amount you give before your account is debited.

You can choose to inflation-proof your gift which will make a huge difference to your church's finances.

Why does inflation matter?

Our church, like every household, is hit by inflation. If your giving does not keep pace with the increasing costs, then it becomes worth less over time.

The PGS tackles this by enabling you to choose the popular option and increase your giving annually in line with inflation. You simply tick the necessary box on the gift form, or agree on the phone, to authorise an inflationary increase.

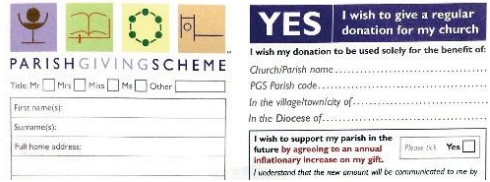
If you choose this option, the Parish Giving Team will send you an annual inflationary letter to keep you in total control.

Why give in a new way?

Giving by individuals is essential to secure our church's ability to serve its community and share our faith and God's love with those around us. For our church to grow and plan for the future, we rely on your regular gifts.

How much you give is a matter for your personal and prayerful reflection, as we respond to God's grace and generosity.

Money dominates too many agendas in our church and takes up a lot of time in counting it, administering it and claiming Gift Aid. If you sign up to the PGS, more of your money and our volunteers' time can be devoted to God's mission.



The image shows a 'PARISH GIVING SCHEME' form and a 'YES' button. The form includes fields for title (Mr, Miss, Ms, Other), first and surname, and full home address. It also has a section for 'I wish to support my parish in the future by agreeing to an annual inflationary increase on my gift.' with a 'Phone (X)' field and a 'Yes' checkbox. A note at the bottom states 'I understand that the new amount will be communicated to me by...'. The 'YES' button is labeled 'I wish to give a regular donation for my church'.

What do I do next?

Your PCC has already signed up to the PGS. You can sign up too by one of these three methods.

How ever you choose to sign up, you will need to have the following information:

- your personal bank account details
- the name of our parish: **Lee St Margaret of Antioch**
- the PGS code for our parish: **370637258**
- whether you want to increase your gift in line with inflation each year
- whether you are eligible for Gift Aid



Online To sign up online, simply go to parishgiving.org.uk, search for the parish by our PGS code, and click 'Donate'. On our parish's PGS page, click 'Pledge Gift' and follow the instructions to set up your Direct Debit giving. Please remember to tick the box to commit to an increase in line with inflation.

Telephone To sign up via telephone, call PGS on 0333 002 1271. Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. This normally takes around 10 minutes.

Post To sign up via post, you will need to complete our Gift Form and post it to PGS office's address. You can download the Gift Form on our website.

If you currently give by standing order, you will need to cancel the payment details either in person, by telephone or online. We recommend waiting until you have received your welcome letter from PGS.

You can also choose to give anonymously, and your church will be notified only of the amount of your gift.

“For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” *1 Chronicles 29:14 NRSV*

Everyone benefits

- ✓ You are in total control of the amount you give.
- ✓ The Direct Debit guarantee means your gift is safe and secure.
- ✓ Gift Aid is automatically claimed for the church, which means reduced administration and less work for your Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary.
- ✓ You can choose to automatically increase your gift annually by inflation.
- ✓ You can have tokens to put on to the open plate to reflect your generous giving.
- ✓ Help is available from Southwark Diocese and the Parish Giving Scheme, a UK-based charity in partnership with all the Dioceses in the scheme.
- ✓ So why not sign up for this simple, tax-efficient method of giving that benefits you and your church?

Questions

If you have any further questions, please contact your **PGS Project Leader:**

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