

## WHAT ARE WE BEING ASKED TO DO?

- If you are not already a regular giver, PLEASE consider supporting St Giles regularly by envelope or standing order.
- If you are already a regular giver, first of all—thank you. Secondly, please consider whether you could increase your giving.
- Finally, if you are a taxpayer please complete a simple Gift Aid declaration and allow us to claim back the tax paid on your giving.

Please note, all personal giving is of course treated with strict confidentiality.

You don't necessarily have to be working to be paying tax. Apart from tax on income from a job or self-employment, the tax you've paid could include:

- tax deducted at source from savings interest
- tax on State Pension and/or other pensions
- tax on investment or rental income
- Capital Gains Tax on gains

But only UK tax counts.

To sum up...

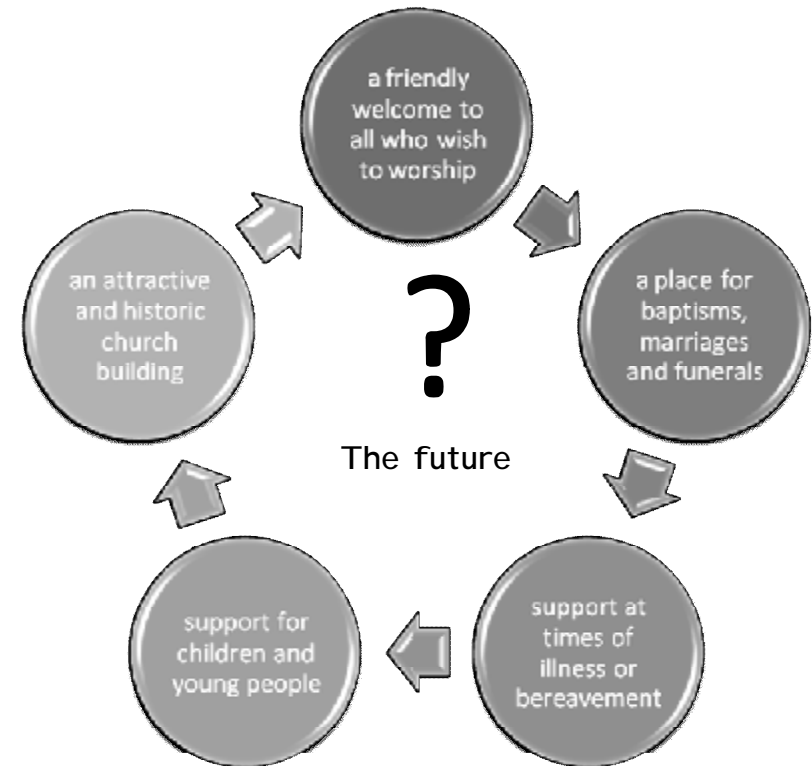
- We have a problem. Our minimum costs exceed our income by £116 each week.
- As members of the Church family, the matter is in our hands. Let us each make our commitment for regular giving and help the Church grow and expand its work for God's kingdom.
- Please complete the attached form and return to our Treasurer.

**THANK YOU**

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For further information about the issues raised in this leaflet please contact either the Treasurer, Tracey Ells (668995) or the Churchwardens, Lin Knappitt (668568) or Chris Shephard (661849).

## ST GILES CHURCH NEEDS YOU!!



To continue offering a full range of services, St Giles needs more money.

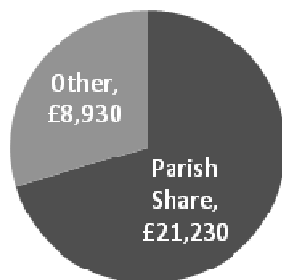
Can you help?



## THE FACTS

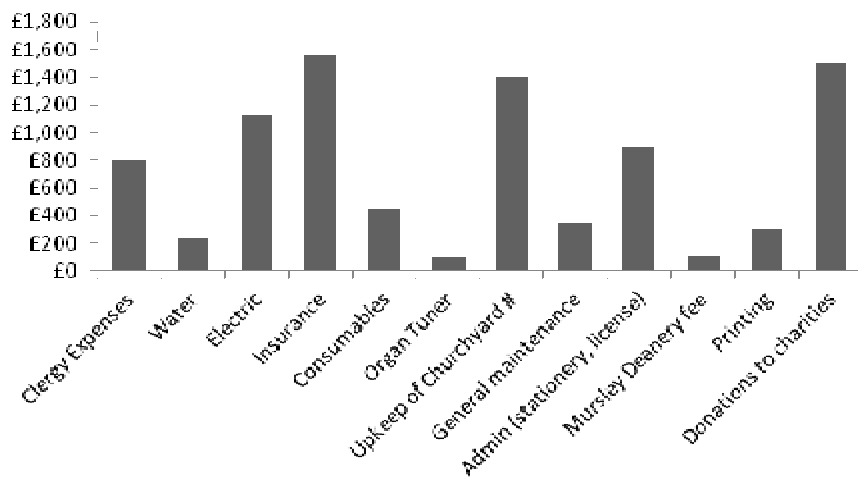
Based on last year's figures, it is expected that the total cost of running St Giles in 2011 will be £30150

Where does the money go?



The Parish Share is the amount of money paid to the Oxford Diocese and is used to pay clergy wages and upkeep of property including the maintenance and running costs of our own Rectory in Cheddington. The amount due is based on numbers on the electoral role and average numbers attending services.

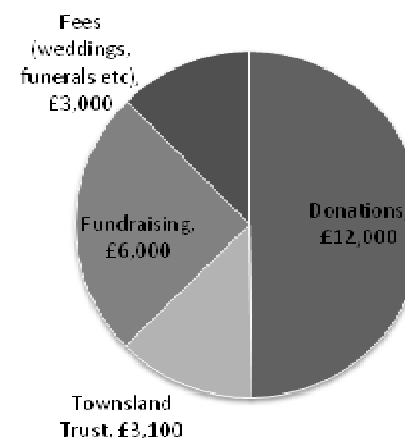
The 'Other' expenditures can be broken down as follows:



# Parish Council grant has been deducted from this figure.

Our expected income for the year is £24100.

Where does the money come from?



This leaves us with a shortfall of £6050.

We currently have 74 members on the electoral role, of which only 29 provide regular donations, either through standing orders or the envelope scheme. This means that the income of the Church depends on a small minority.

## HOW MUCH TO GIVE?

The Church does not charge a fixed subscription, but with the authority of Scripture, it asks its members to contribute in proportion to their means.

The Church's General Synod considers that 5% of income after tax is a proper starting point for our giving, with the Bible suggesting 10%.

What we decide to give is a matter between ourselves and God. All we ask is that you consider carefully and prayerfully the response that we, as members of the body of Christ, are called to make.