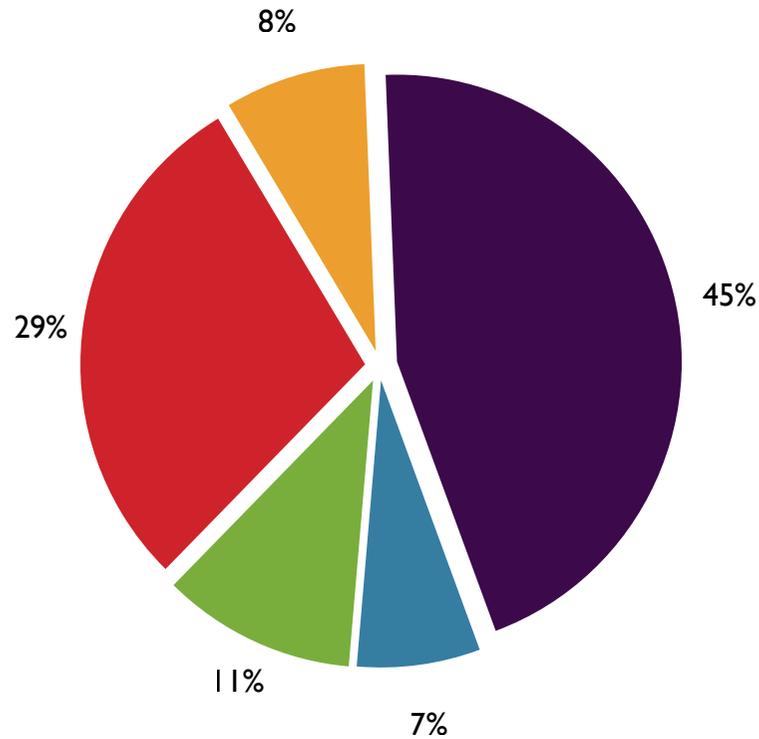


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If you would like more information or detail about the church finances, or if you would like to speak to someone about any aspect of the church finances or about your giving, please contact, in strictest confidence:

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Over the last few years the church community at St Mary's has grown in numbers, in depth of faith and in our involvement with the local community. Over that time our finances have also improved significantly and we are now able to cover our costs - something we could not 2 years ago.

A breakdown of the way we spend our income costs is given on the back of this leaflet.

As we have grown, we have expanded the range of projects that we are involved with, and our expenditure has risen accordingly. In 2012 our we spent £98,918 and in 2015 this has gone up to £135,000. As well as ongoing expenditure on the church building, this included increased spending on our music and worship, in our work with children, families and the Primary School, greater administrative support and more money for outreach projects like Alpha and the Parenting Courses.

The PCC has also been committed to supporting other charitable causes, locally, nationally and internationally. We aim to give 10% of our regular giving to these organisations - as a sign of our commitment to the practical work of building the Kingdom of God - and as our income has risen, so has our giving.

## **The current situation**

After a period when our finances were in a difficult state, we are now able to plan more confidently for the future - and there is a lot that we want to do;

- To significantly grow our work with children, young people and families - including those who are not currently involved with church;
- To expand our work with the Primary School and with local pre-schools;
- To continue investing in the Church building and the Church Rooms

## **What are we asking of you?**

In order to make further growth possible, we need to be able to fund these plans and projects. We are therefore inviting everyone to review their giving to the church community. There are three specific things we invite you to do:

1. **Carefully and prayerfully review your giving.** If you already give to the church, could you increase your donation? If you do not currently give to the church, could you start to do so?

2. **Give by Standing Order** rather than by cash - that way we know what our regular income will be, and can plan accordingly.
3. **Let St Mary's recover the tax paid on your gift.** By filling out a Gift Aid form, we can claim back 25p for every £1 you give - last year we raised £18,481 this way, and we would love to increase that sum.

And if, after thinking and praying, you are clear you cannot give any more, then please make that decision with an absolutely clear conscience.

## **What is the Parish Share, and why does it cost so much?**

Every year each Parish pays a sum of money to the Diocese. The level of the Parish Share is calculated annually across the Deanery - the grouping of local churches - in such a way that churches are encouraged to support each other financially. The most important factor in the Parish Share calculation is the size of the worshipping congregation. As this rises, so the Parish Share increases.

In 2015 our Parish Share was £60,554 and in 2016 this will rise to £63,000. We expect that it will rise again significantly next year. This is our largest single area of expenditure.

Most of the Parish Share goes towards paying the costs of the clergy - mainly for our Vicar, including salary, housing, training, pension and NI contributions. It also pays for the pensions of all retired clergy, the support provided to Church schools and the Diocesan staff.

## **But doesn't the Church of England have lots of money?**

No.

Although it owns many valuable buildings worth millions of pounds, none of these have any real cash value - there is, for instance, no chance that the church will ever sell Canterbury Cathedral. Most Dioceses, including our own, are desperately short of money, despite very careful management of their budgets. And anyway, individual churches are financially independent and receive nothing from the central church or the government. We are entirely responsible for funding our church community. Our only income, is that which we raise ourselves.

*Thank you*

### STANDING ORDER

To set up a Standing Order by post, please complete this and send it to your bank.

To do so by phone or online, please use the account details below.

To.....Bank/Building Society

Bank address.....

.....Postcode.....

Please pay to CAF Bank. Sort Code 40-52-40.Account Number 00029071.

Account Name: St Mary's PCC Goudhurst

the sum of £.....

commencing on the.....day of..... (month) 201..... (year)

and continuing each month / quarter / year (delete as appropriate)

until further notice to the debit of

my Account No.....Sort Code.....-.....-.....

This instruction cancels any previous standing orders to the above mentioned account.

Account Name.....

Signed.....

Dated.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

### GIFT AID DECLARATION

To Allow St Mary's to reclaim the tax on your gift, please complete this form

To: St Mary's Church Goudhurst Parochial Church Council

I would like you to recover tax on this gift, on all donations I have made for the past four tax years and for all donations I make in future.

Signature.....

Declaration date...../...../.....

Title & Initials.....

Surname.....

Home address.....

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Postcode.....

Telephone number.....

Important notes:

- 1 In order for the PCC to reclaim tax on your donations,
  - (a) you must be a taxpayer;
  - (b) you must pay an amount of income or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax we reclaim on your donations (25p for every £1 you give);
  - (c) we must be able to show an audit trail for each donation linking it to yourself, this could be by bankers' order, the envelope scheme or for one off donations, a letter identifying yourself as the donor.
2. If your circumstances change such that you no longer pay income or capital gains tax equal to the tax we reclaim on your donations, you should let us know, otherwise you may incur an additional liability to tax.
3. You are entitled to notify us of the cancellation of your Gift Aid declaration at any time.

**Please return this form to John McCaig,  
The Giving Secretary, (tel. 01580 212329)  
The Coach House, Gore Lane, Goudhurst TN17 1JP**