



GENEROUS GIVING

at St Michael's, Birchwood



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Supporting the life and mission of
St Michael and All Angels Church, Birchwood



OUR CHURCH

St Michael's plays a significant role in the life of our local community. It offers inclusive worship for people of all ages and is a steadfast presence and spiritual home for many.

As a church family we offer welcome and hospitality to all. We extend our mission of care and nurture into our local community and offer a holy space where everyone can come to pray and reflect



Giving enables so much in the life and work of our church including: baptisms, weddings and funerals; Messy Church; discipleship groups; Sunday club; lunch and craft clubs; flower arranging; and a church hall for the whole community to use.



LIVING GENEROUSLY

As Christians, we believe that all we *have* and all we *are* is a gift from God. We are all blessed in a variety of ways, and we are called to bless others - giving of ourselves as an outpouring of love.

We pray that St Michael's will be a blessing to others for many years to come - offering a beautiful place of spirituality in Birchwood, where people can explore and deepen their faith or simply enjoy a moment of peace and tranquility.

We are inviting you in this leaflet to consider how you can help ensure that more people can benefit from the life and work of St Michael's, both now and in the time to come.

Your financial gifts will help us plan for the future, and better respond to the needs of our local community.



"Community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another."

Henri Nouwen



WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Donations from individuals like yourself are the primary way in which St Michael's resources itself, since we receive no Government or Church of England income.

Gifts from our community and supporters are vital to our church's life and work, as we continue to serve those around us and safeguard the legacy of faith, music and worship which we have inherited.

Regular committed giving helps us to plan financially and to build a flourishing church that will endure for generations to come.



HOW YOUR REGULAR GIFT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

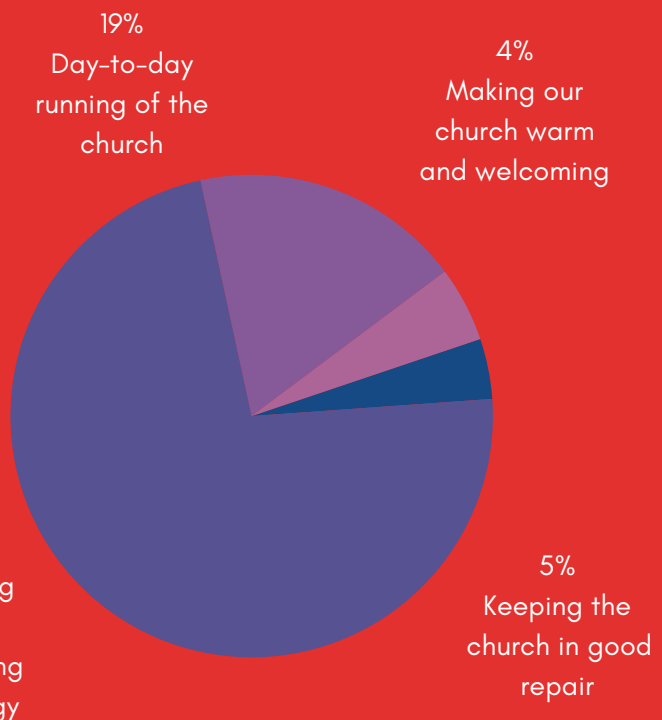
It can be helpful to see a picture of what our collective giving looks like at the moment. These are our current regular giving levels at St Michael's:



Current giving levels per month - could you step up to the next level?



It can be helpful to know how our gifts are used. For every £50 we receive, we distribute to the following:



It costs £114.63 per day to keep Michael's open, warm and to continue to fulfil its mission and ministry in Hatfield



REGULAR GIVING TO ST MICHAEL'S

All donations are very gratefully received – thank you.

A monthly gift by direct debit is the most effective way to give to the life and work of St Michael's. It helps us to budget and use resources wisely.



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is the direct debit mechanism for planned giving which we encourage you to sign up to. It has benefits for both you and St Michael's, including **you** being able to change what you give at any time, or 'opt in' to increase your gift each year in line with inflation. It gives **St Michael's** predictable cash flow and an automatic way of collecting gift aid. **Once you have decided on your gift amount, visit www.parishgiving.org.uk or phone 0333 002 1271 to join the Scheme and quote our parish code 320632127.**

Scan to sign up
for regular giving:



STANDING ORDER

If you would prefer to manage your giving through Standing Order, please arrange this with your bank using the following details: Barclays Bank; PCC St Michael's Church, Hatfield; Sort Code 20 92 54; Acc No 50696897.

LEGACY GIVING

A gift in your will can be an opportunity to make a lasting difference to the life and work of St Michael's. If you would like more information about how to do this please get in touch with Rev'd Kathryn at revkathrynalford@gmail.com

Please pray and reflect on the information in this leaflet, reviewing your contributions that keep our church fulfilling God's mission in our community.

Thank you for all you are able to give.

Giving God, we receive so much from you, and therefore have much to give. Help us to share in the blessings of giving as well as the happiness of receiving, that your love may be more widely shared through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.