



# Giving for Growth

2017

As a church, we want to grow in our love for God and our love for others.

A great way of expressing our love is through giving. Through giving, we can make a big difference in our church, community and the world. We can give in many different ways – including using our time and talents. This leaflet explains how you can give your money and answers some questions on the difference it will make.

## Did you know . . . ?

In the last few years, our giving has enabled us to expand our exciting work with **families** and **young people** by employing skilled leaders and improving our **community** facilities.

We can receive **£25 extra** from the government **for every £100** you give - if you are a taxpayer and fill in the **Gift Aid Form**.

We receive **no income from** the wider **Church of England**. Instead, some of our giving supports churches in poorer areas nearby.

**The Bible** encourages us to give generously and cheerfully from what we have, with a benchmark of **10% of income**. For some this is difficult, whilst others are able to give much more. Paul encourages each of us to consider our own **consciences and circumstances** (2 Cor 9:6-11)

Giving enables **Growth**. We need more money and time given to continue what we currently do. Extra would enable us to do more to **share God's love** in Alsager and through partners to needy areas of the world.

**Giving** some or all by **Standing Order** allows us to **plan** as a church. It particularly helps us know whether we can employ & **pay staff**.

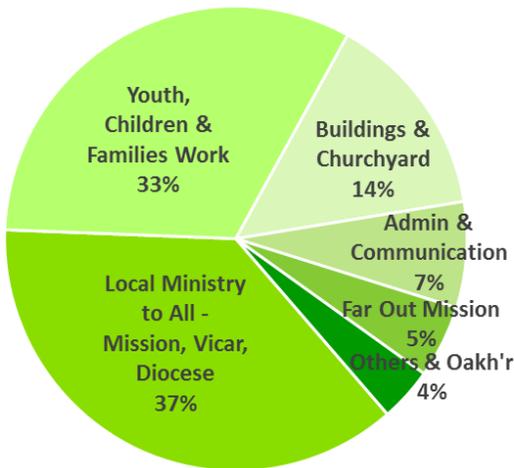
Church members give **over 100 hours a week** voluntarily! Some are able to give more **time**. some more money. Both are vital!

Your giving makes a difference!  
Giving **£20 per week** pays for **1 ½ hours** of weekly **youth or children's work** if Gift Aided

**Legacies** can make a big impact. Have you considered including Christ Church in your **will**?

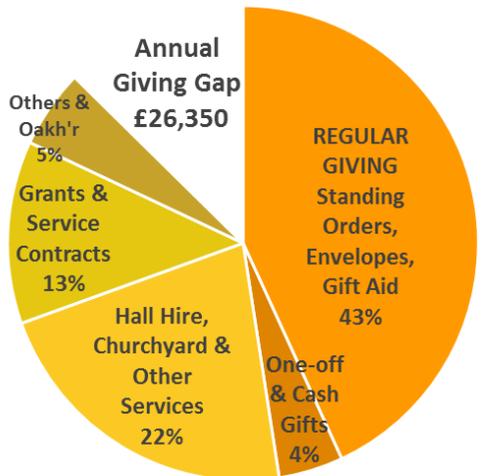
Our circumstances change and church running costs increase. A helpful habit is to **review** and update your giving **annually**.

## Expected Expenditure 2017



Total: £208,000

## Expected Income 2017



(based on 2016 giving)

### The charts above show our expected income and expenditure for 2017.

They show a 'giving gap'. This means that we have a shortfall in regular giving if we want to continue doing what we currently do – or expand. The figures exclude one-off gifts and legacies which close the gap, or exceptional costs such as big maintenance bills, which widen it.

### We are very grateful for all gifts received.

It helps us to plan if we know we can rely on your gift and also if you review the amount you give annually. However, we also know that circumstances change and you are free to change your standing order at any time by telling your bank. (Do please let us know too)

The amounts individuals give are kept confidential to the Covenants Officer and Treasurer. No-one else knows –even the vicar.

### Please now complete the form opposite on both sides. Thank you!

#### Giving Time

Giving your time will also make a big impact – whether it's a few days every week, or a few hours each month. It takes both time and money to make things happen. Some are able to give more of one than the other. Both are vital.

If you would like to give more of your time, then please have a chat with a leader in the church. There's lots to get involved in! Thank you.

#### Prayer

Please do also pray regularly for our church and our community. Prayer is essential for a healthy church as we seek to follow God's calling. Thank you.



# Giving Response Form

Christ Church Alsager with St Luke's Oakhanger  
Registered Charity No. 1131298

*Thank you for giving!*

**Please complete steps 1-4** (if online, you'll need to print the form first)

(Sorry it's a bit wordy, but we have to satisfy government tax rules! If you need help, please ask)

## STEP 1

### *My Financial Response*

(Cannot be in joint names for tax reasons, but you can give on behalf of a couple/family)

**First Name:** ..... **Surname:** .....

*On behalf of (if applicable):* .....

**Address:** .....

**Post Code:** ..... **Phone:** .....

**Email:** .....

- I/We would like to start** giving regularly to Christ Church to enable growth  
£\_\_\_\_\_ per month **Now, please complete steps 2, 3 & 4 overleaf**
- I/We already give regularly** to Christ Church, but would like to change my/our giving to  
£\_\_\_\_\_ per month **Now, please complete steps 2, 3 & 4 overleaf**
- I/We would like to give a one-off contribution** of £\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please make cheques to 'The PCC of Christ Church Alsager' or use the bank details overleaf*  
**Now, please complete just steps 3 & 4 overleaf**
- I/We would like to begin giving regularly**, but would prefer to use **weekly envelopes** rather than Standing Orders. Please contact me. **Now, please complete just steps 3 & 4 overleaf**

Any particular instructions (e.g. to designate your gift to Oakhanger Church)...

*Please turn over*

Please start with Step 1 overleaf

## STEP 2

### To set up regular giving online, by phone or at a bank branch...

Please set up (or update) a Standing Order with these details:

Payee: **The PCC of Christ Church Alsager**

Sort Code: **60-01-12** Account Number: **91484669** Reference: **Your Name**

You are in full control of a standing order – you can start, stop or change it whenever you want.

## STEP 3

### *Gift Aid Declaration*

I am a taxpayer (Please read & sign this part)  I am not a taxpayer (Please go to Step 4)

This will increase your gift by 25p for every £1 given, **at no extra cost to you or us.**

#### **I want Christ Church to recover tax on all donations I make to them.**

**Please** treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

#### **I will notify the church in writing if I want to cancel this declaration or change my name or address or no longer pay sufficient tax on my income and/or capital gains.**

**Note:** If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate, and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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## STEP 4

**Please put this form in an envelope and mark it for the Church Covenants Officer\*. You can post it or drop it in one of the giving boxes in church.**

\*Mrs Ceri Hewitt, 4 Windsor Drive, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 2TE. Tel 01270-368076

*Thank you!*

