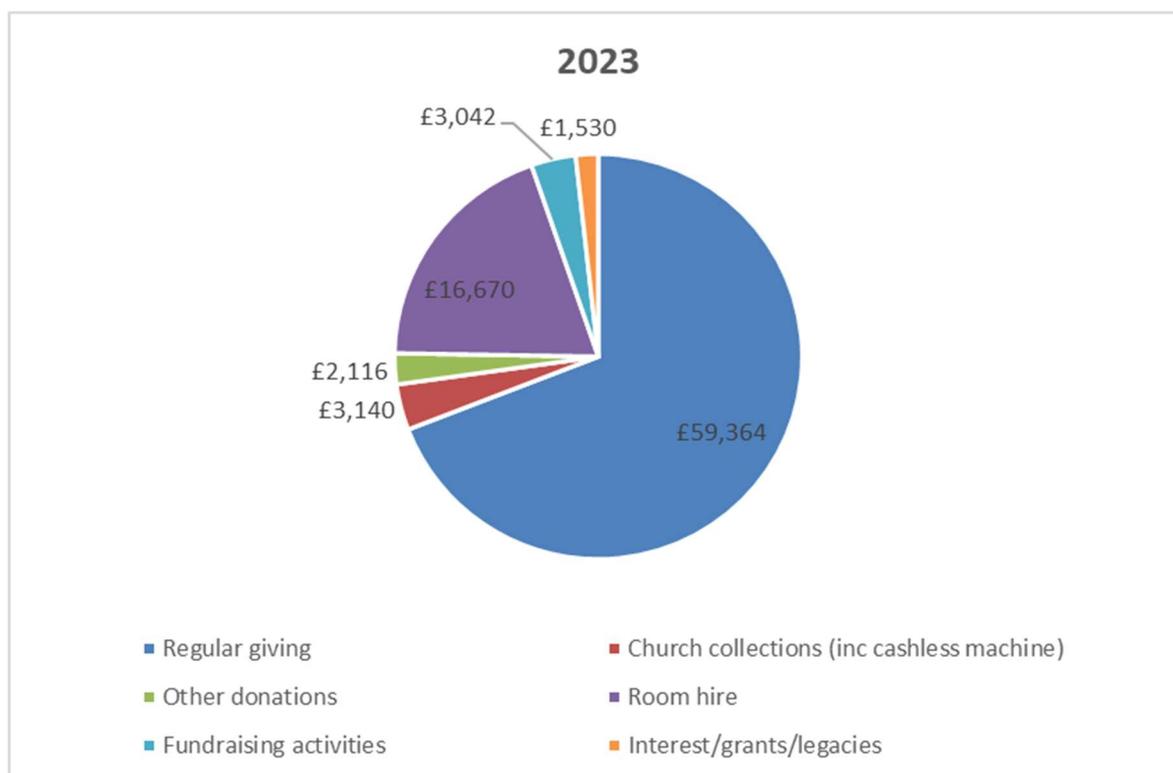


## Christian Stewardship

All is a gift from God ... let us joyfully respond  
Giving to support the work of St James' Church



- We invite every member of St James' Church to consider giving in support of the work of the Church.
- To keep St James' Church open and running in 2024, including our normal ongoing ministry costs, regular utility costs and running the church office, as well as funding ongoing repairs and maintenance and keeping the church clean and welcoming, our budget shows we need to find £1,800 a week of income.
- Our role in the community, hosting the Fairbite Food Club and Café and the holiday lunch club are much valued by users and perform an important role in these difficult times. We have also expanded our outreach to families and young people in other ways such as through the Flames at St James Youth Group and our Board Games & Puddings evenings which provide a warm space for people to meet in fellowship.
- About £320 a week will come from room hire in 2024 but in order to be attractive for users we must keep the building warm and well maintained – as well as for our congregation!
- We depend on your generosity to pay these bills and we know that many people are reconsidering their commitments as costs increase for everyone.
- In order to generate funds that would enable us to develop and expand our outreach to the wider community, as well as helping to cover the effect of inflation on our costs, we will need to grow our financial resources, via an increase in our regular giving.
- You can see the importance of regular giving in the picture below, which shows that nearly 70% of our total income of around £86,000 is from the generosity of our regular donors. The sad loss of some of our committed givers during the last year means our weekly giving is currently around £100 per week below what it was last year (a £5,000 annual reduction).



## **How much should I give?**

- The Church of England urges each of us to give 5% of our income for the work of the Church, based on the tradition of the tithe. Please consider how much you can give to St James' Church as part of your charitable giving.
- Making a regular donation helps us to budget for our costs and make plans for the future.
- Please be as generous as you can and, if you are not already doing so, start a regular pledge, or consider whether you can increase your current giving.
- If you are a taxpayer please Gift Aid your donation (at no extra cost to you). St James' Church receives 25p extra for each £1 you give under Gift Aid.

## **How can I give?**

- The simplest way is to have a regular Standing Order from your bank or to give via the weekly Envelope Giving Scheme.
- Any giving by bank transfer, cheque or cash is, of course, also welcome. If you are in church, the cashless donation machine in the foyer can be used.
- Legacies have made an important contribution to St James' Church and enabled us to fund improvements and the care of the building. Please consider including a legacy to St James' Church in your will, helping to secure the long-term future for our church.
- A one-off or occasional donation to help support the work of St James', in addition to any regular commitment, is of course also very welcome. This can be paid by direct transfer (using the bank details on the standing order form attached) or any of the other methods above.

If you wish to make a regular donation, please complete the following stewardship form. Once completed, please return by email or to the Church Office. All information about giving is confidential.

## My Stewardship Pledge to St James' Church

Please complete and return to the Treasurer, Sue Wilson, by hand or post via the Church Office or by email.

**Instructions:** Section 1 should be completed by all. Section 2 only needs to be filled in by those who have not previously completed a Gift Aid declaration form. Section 3 should be completed if you wish to arrange or change a Standing Order and should be sent to your bank (or you can normally set up or amend a Standing Order online or via your mobile banking app).

### Section 1: MY GIVING

I wish to give the following amount to St James' Church, [beginning from .....

£ ..... per week/month/quarter/year (please delete as appropriate)

Title ..... Surname ..... Forename .....

Address: .....

Postcode: ..... Tel: .....

Email: .....

In compliance with Data Protection requirements, we will only use this data in accordance with the permitted purposes, specifically to plan our finances and maintain accounts and records (including the processing of gift aid applications).

For those not paying by bank standing order, do you want to give via the envelope scheme? YES/NO (Note: if yes, the Treasurer will provide you with an annual envelope pack).

If you pay by standing order, please contact your bank if you need to set up or amend your standing order (see attached form which can be used for this, or you can do this via your mobile banking app).

### Section 2: GIFT AID DECLARATION

#### **FOR COMPLETION IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR GIFT AID AND HAVE NOT ALREADY COMPLETED A FORM – IF UNCERTAIN PLEASE COMPLETE**

I want St James' Church to reclaim tax on all donations I have made to St James' Church since .....\* and on all donations I make from the date of this declaration until further notice.

I note that I should pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Church reclaims on my donations (25p for each £1 you give)

Signed ..... Print Name ..... Date .....

Note: You can cancel this declaration at any time. Please notify the Church if you no longer pay sufficient tax, or if you change your name or address

\* The Church must make any claim within 6 years.

For further information, please contact our Treasurer, Sue Wilson, on 07836 253025 or [treasurer.sjww@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.sjww@gmail.com) or leave a message in the Church Office. Sue will be happy to discuss any questions about Gift Aid or other tax efficient ways of giving. A copy of our accounts and budget is on display on the noticeboard, and included in the annual Parish Meeting papers. Please ask Sue if you would like a further copy.

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**Section 3:                    BANK STANDING ORDER - PLEASE SEND TO YOUR BANK**

To: The Manager ..... [bank/building society name]

Address of bank: .....

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Please pay to the account of St James' Parochial Church Council at Barclays Bank plc, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge, CB1 7AA. Sort code: **20-17-19** Account no: **70518069**

Please use my name as the Standing Order reference

The sum of £ ..... (figures) .....(words)

On the ..... day of ..... (month & year)

and on the same date in each succeeding month/quarter/year\* until further notice.

*\* delete as applicable*

Please debit my account no: ..... (sort code .....)

with each payment made

Please cancel any previous standing order to St James' Church, Cambridge

Signature ..... Print name.....

Date: .....

Address and post code .....

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