

This method is quick and convenient, and allows the church some certainty in budgeting. Our preferred method is for people to give money through the Parish Giving Scheme (which works by Direct Debit), but gifts can also be given by setting up a monthly Standing Order.

One-off donations can also be made into our bank account (please state in the reference that it's a donation):

Account name: St Michael & All Angels' Church (Galleywood PCC)  
Account number: 50433136  
Sort code: 20-19-95

Giving envelopes, cash or cheques can still be put into the donation box in church (cheques should be made payable to St Michael & All Angels' Church (Galleywood PCC)).

For those who pay tax, please sign up for Gift Aid. This will mean that your gift is boosted by 25% by the Government through the tax system, at no extra cost to you. Gift Aid is very important to the church – in 2020, £15,751 (14% of total income!) came from tax reclaimed via Gift Aid. Please contact Steve Mack for a Gift Aid declaration: [stephen.a.mack@outlook.com](mailto:stephen.a.mack@outlook.com)

If you would like to talk with someone in confidence about giving money to the church, please speak to the Vicar (Revd David Cattle), [revdcattle@gmail.com](mailto:revdcattle@gmail.com)  
[vicar@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk)

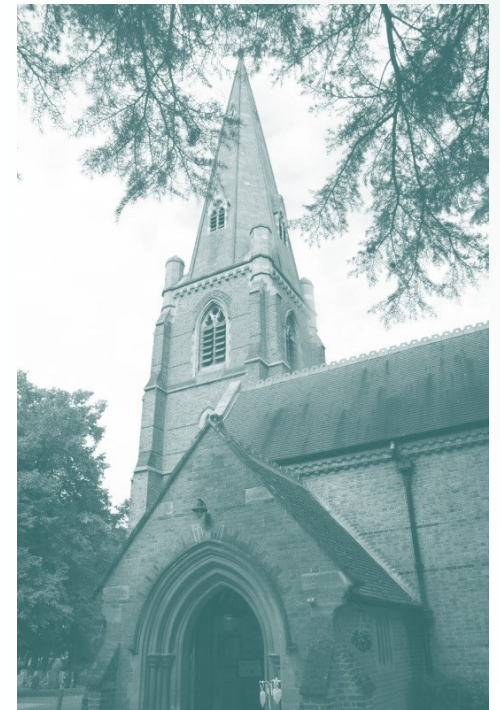
[www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk)

We are a friendly, joyful and relaxed Church where anyone can find a home, worshipping on the hill in the beautiful setting of Galleywood Common. Just as our spire is visible for miles around, we seek to be a sign of hope for all people by proclaiming God's love, sharing the good news about Jesus Christ, and drawing people to faith in him. As disciples of Jesus, we learn from the Bible, and we recognise the need for God's Holy Spirit to transform our lives. Following the example of Jesus, and strengthened by God, we serve our village and the wider world through love, prayer and action.



# Financial giving to St Michael's church

Resourcing God's mission



## Christian Giving

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“...all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.”  
(1 Chronicles 29:14)

Christians believe that everything we have is a gift from God, which has been entrusted to us for our time in this life. And it has been entrusted to us, not just for our benefit, but also so that we can share some of it with others. Giving away some of our money to help others is both a duty and a joy, something we do willingly and eagerly – not because we feel compelled, but rather for the sheer joy of blessing others. It is part of living the fullness of life that Jesus promised to his followers.

## Giving money to St Michael's church

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Many of us give regular gifts of money to St Michael's church, and this leaflet encourages everyone who feels they can to do so. No-one needs to give any money in order to be a full member of the church, of course – everyone is welcome regardless of what they can or do give. But for those who can give money to support the church, we would be very grateful for your gifts.

Like all churches, St Michael's relies on generosity. In 2020, for example, our total income was £113,693. Nearly 93% of this (just over £105,000) came from donations (including Gift Aid) with only 7% coming from fees that we charge for weddings and funerals.

Without regular, committed, generous giving from our congregation and community, the church simply could not function in the way it does at present, with a vicar, a beautiful building, a peaceful churchyard, and all the work we do in the community.

## How donations are used

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All money given to the church is used to support our regular worship of God, and to carry on the mission of God – it helps us to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and action.

For example, in 2020 total expenditure from general funds was £113,694.

- Just over 62% of that (nearly £71,000) was paid to the Diocese of Chelmsford to fund our vicar and all the support we receive from the Diocese. The vicar provides strategic leadership for the church, leads the church's worship, and serves the local community in many ways (e.g., doing mission work in local schools and conducting many funerals for local people).
- 14% (nearly £16,000) was spent on church running, maintenance and repairs, to maintain our beautiful building and its worship.
- 7% (nearly £8,000) was spent on churchyard maintenance, so that we can continue to provide this peaceful, spiritual place as the final resting place for many people.

- 6% (just over £7,000) was spent directly on ministry and mission, to support projects like our children and youth work, Make Lunch, and our ministry to the elderly, vulnerable and isolated.
- The church gave away just over 9% (£10,693) to support the work of various mission organisations in this country and abroad (this figure includes buying a Bible for every child at St Michael's Junior School).

## How much should I give to St Michael's?

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There is no set amount. One model for giving suggests giving away at least 10% of take-home income (i.e., after tax), with half of that going to the church and the other half to other charitable organisations. (The total figure of 10% comes from the Old Testament idea of giving a tithe of 10% back to God.) But there are other ways of deciding how much to give, and each individual or family must make this decision for themselves. A Christian approach to making this decision uses these three principles:

1. Give prayerfully.
2. Give according to our means.
3. Sometimes give sacrificially.

## How do I give money to St Michael's?

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By far the best way to give to the church is to set up regular automatic giving, which comes out of your bank account each month.