

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, ASHTON HAYES - GIFT DAY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH, 2020



Dear Parishioner

The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist holds an Annual Gift Day to raise much-needed funds to meet the day-to-day running costs, ensuring that the church remains available for the local community. Your generosity in donating money to our Gift Day appeal over the past years has been greatly appreciated. This year our Gift Day will be held at Harvest Festival, Sunday October 4th, during the 10.30 a.m. service. You are very welcome, as always, to join us if you can. However, if you are unable to be there, please feel free to hand your gift in at another of our services or deliver it to Hilary (Orchard Croft, Duck Lane) or Alan (23 The Meadows).

The total cost of running and maintaining the church, churchyard, and our ministry for a year is about £54,000. This means that the cost each week is over £1,035. (These figures do not include the cost of major repairs or alterations to the building). We currently average just under £465 a week in collections at services and planned giving, leaving a shortfall of around £570, which we generate from fees, special events, donations and other fundraising activities. Please can you help us to continue our work in this parish by donating to the Gift Day? Every pound donated will be most gratefully received and spent wisely to ensure that the church remains as a focal point for fellowship, as well as a valuable resource for the local community.

Donating money to the church can be tax efficient under the Government's Gift Aid scheme, through which we can reclaim from HM Revenue 25 pence of every £1 donated. If you are a taxpayer, please fill in the slip below and pop it in an envelope with your gift. This will enable our treasurer to make sure that your gift is treated as tax efficiently as possible.

If you are already in our regular planned giving scheme, please consider this as an opportunity to review your weekly or monthly giving. If you would like to join this scheme, or set up a monthly Standing Order, please speak to our Treasurer, Keith Morley (01829 759029) or email dreammainship@gmail.com. Giving each month, directly to Lloyds Bank for our account (Ashton Hayes PCC, Sort Code:30-91-92, Account #: 00033338), allows the church to have a steady income, particularly during times such as the last six months, when the church has been closed.

Thank you very much in advance for your consideration and generosity.

Alan Goodall
Churchwarden

Hilary Clegg
Churchwarden

St John the Evangelist, Ashton Hayes

(Please make cheques payable to ASHTON HAYES PCC)

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If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation, please complete this form. This will increase your gift by 25p for every £1 given (at current rate), at no extra cost to you or us. Thank you.

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 Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title _____ Full Name _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

Date _____ Signed _____