**Parish Gift Day**

Hi Everyone

This Sunday 22 May 2022 is our **annual Parish Gift Day**. We have not had a gift day for some time, but there are two specific projects for which we want to raise money this year.

At **St Andrew’s Church** we need a **metal roller shutter for the kitchen hatch** in order to comply with current Health & Safety regulations and fulfil the recommendation made at the last Quinquennial Inspection of the building.  Costs are expected to be in the region of **£500**. St Andrew’s building is well-used by the community and hosts Cherry Trees nursery during the week as well as monthly Messy Church and a number of community groups. Upgrading our building in this way is an essential part of our Christian commitment to serving the wider community.

At **St Paul’s**we need a **webcam or videocamera**in order to livestream our services effectively. We are currently reliant on Revd Mike or Revd Hilary to use their mobile phones for this purpose while at the same time leading a service. Our building is large and echoey and sometimes both the signal and the sound get lost, which means that those watching at home find it difficult to take part in the service. Having a proper camera will enable us to provide consistently good quality livestreaming and a better product to upload to YouTube where it is accessible to many more people. Costs are expected to be anywhere between **£120 and £1500** depending on the recommended system. We hope to integrate it into our newly upgraded audio-visual system. Many people have accessed our livestreaming during lockdown: it enables people who can no longer make it to church to continue to worship with us, and has in addition gained for us a new congregation of regular viewers. We want to continue this outreach in the best possible way.

Please donate at both our services this coming Sunday: if you can’t be with us, contact David Martin our Gift Aid representative on 0161 766 2736  or dandhmartin@live.co.uk and he will give you details as to how to donate. If you are a taxpayer please Gift Aid your donation: envelopes will be available in both churches. You can continue to give over the next few weeks.

Please give generously to these worthwhile projects.

With grateful thanks in anticipation

From the Parish Leadership Team