

Stour Valley Benefice  
**St Mary's Church Cavendish**  
**Gift Day – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

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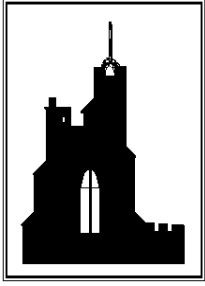
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Church door, the contactless machine on it, or [www.tinyurl.com/donate-cavendish](http://www.tinyurl.com/donate-cavendish), or this linked QR code, post it through the letter box of The Manse, Melford Road, CO10 8AD or the special box in the Village Shop, marked 'for St. Mary's Church'. Cheques should be made payable to: "**PCC Cavendish**" and for those using BACS, the Sort Code is 30-98-31 and Account Number 00594368. We would be grateful for any contributions you feel able to give.

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