

# Parish of Luton, St Anne with St Christopher



## Thanksgiving Sunday Sunday 19 September 2021

Thank you, and thank you again for all that you are doing to further the mission and ministry of God in this parish and beyond.

During these past eighteen months we have worshipped differently, we have become far more creative and with a nimble foot. We have reached out into our neighbourhood through social media and our now famous fences and railings. People across the town know where our churches are because of the ways in which we are now using our fences. These decorations have shared the church seasons, they have brought smiles to faces and have communicated that we are alive and active. Our churches have been opened for individual prayer and for regular live streamed worship. We have collected food for the Luton Foodbank and distributed Christingle bags. We have joined with the wider local community in the Scarecrow Festival.

Thank you to each and every person who has been engaged in any of these activities.

St Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:12, "So two good things happen as a result of your gifts—those in need are helped, and they overflow with thanks to God."

Thank you too, to those of you who have changed how you give. Standing Orders help us as a parish to plan and budget.

It is now the time in the year when you are asked to prayerfully consider your giving for the following year. To commit to give regularly to God's work through this parish in the year.

Jesus said "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6: 21

The money we give is used to pay the following, all figures are approximate

Parish share, the money used to support diocesan clergy and lay ministry costs.	To pay our parish share we need to pay £4,500 per month
Heating, lighting insurance etc	£1,100 per month
Worship and ministry with our congregation and wider community	£500 per month
Maintenance	£360 per month
Other costs	£700 per month

This tells us that our expenditure is approximately £7,160 per month

Our income comes from

Planned Giving - Standing orders and envelopes	£2,400 per month
Hall Rents - This year, we have a hugely reduced income from hall rents, both because groups have been unable to meet and because they have either moved or ceased to operate	£1,000 per month
Fees from occasional offices (funerals and weddings)	£180 per month
Other receipts	£180 per month

This tells us that over the past six months we have an approximate income of £2,610 per month

As you can see, our costs are outstripping our income by approximately £4,550 per month.

St Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

We also read that as Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.” Luke 21: 1-4.

And I so encourage you to give what you can.

To improve this situation, we need to gain more rent from our halls. Please therefore, when you hear that anyone is looking for a venue for a group or even a one off event, please do encourage them to think about booking one of our halls. Alongside this, we all need to be missional, to grow the parish, to encourage others to come to know the Lord Jesus. Let’s do it together.

Alongside this, please do prayerfully consider your individual giving to the work of this parish. Please do gift aid if you are able. This is free money, it doesn’t cost you anything - as long as you pay sufficient tax.

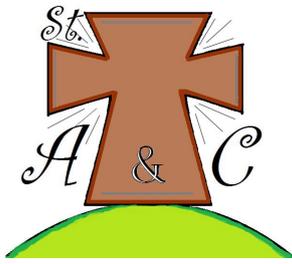
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Please do complete and return the attached form to enable our Treasurer and the PCC to effectively budget for the following year, 2022.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and commitment to the work of God in and through this parish.

May you know God’s blessing

Revd Anne



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## Stewardship Pledge 2021

Please indicate below your stewardship pledge for 2020

Donor Reference Number	
Amount Pledged	£
Weekly or Monthly	
Method of Payment - Standing Order or Envelope	Standing Order/Envelopes
Gift Aided	Yes / No

If you are unsure of your donor reference number please ask Ann Moore or Michelle Reeves

The bank details are

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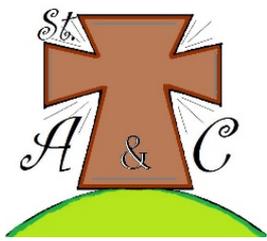
Account Name       Parish of Luton St Anne with St Christopher

Please contact the treasurer should you have any queries or need any assistance

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- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax, currently 20%, which allows charities to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated.

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