

Dear Friends,

We trust this finds you all well.

We are writing to update you on the financial position of the church. Although the church has been closed, there are still ongoing costs to be met, for example, building maintenance and insurance. At the start of lockdown, we were in the fortunate position of being able to meet these costs on a short term basis, and we made the decision not to contact because everyone had more serious things to consider. However, we now feel it would be prudent to consult everyone with some suggested ways of giving, for those of you who feel able to do so. You may wish to do something completely different, or it might not be the right time for you to be considering this now – whatever, please be assured we know how much many of you already give in terms of time/effort, and this is so much appreciated, so please never feel pressurised to give more than can be afforded.

Standing orders – these are very useful to the church as they allow us to calculate how much ‘steady income’ we have coming in, and thanks to all those who have continued their standing orders during this time. If you would like to consider a regular standing order, it is simple to set up, very secure and provides a regular income for the church, whether or not you are able to attend.

Gift Day – the Vicar will be holding his final Gift day at some point as and when Government Guidance allows. This is an opportunity to make a one-off donation. Alternatively, if you wish to send a cheque sooner, please contact Ray.

Offer to host an online or offline event (again when guidance allows) or think of another way to raise funds, which involves the Community and is fun for all ages? We have recently seen a ‘tallest sunflower competition’ which has been run completely online, and has raised about £200 and the plants are only just starting to grow. If you can sign up to running something, that would be marvellous as it allows ‘community spirit’ to be nurtured as well as simply raising money.

‘Give a little’ by using our new digital donation system. This is something brand new which Ray has been working on and is now on our page on A Church Near You. Again this is a simple way to help us without even leaving the comfort of your armchair if you have access to the internet.

Please contact either of us if you have any queries or want to know more. Many thanks for taking the time to read this,

Kind regards & best wishes to you all,

The Vicar and Churchwardens.

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