

Ways to Give to The Minster



In addition to offering your time and talents to the life of The Minster, there are many ways you can give financially too. These are listed below. The PCC will be delighted to receive your regular or one-off contribution by whatever means works for you, however, the preferred option is via the Parish Giving Scheme.



Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

PGS is a Church of England endorsed scheme designed to reduce parish level administration and improve cash flow. Regular donations to the Minster are made through PGS using a Direct Debit mandate. Gift Aid can be added as part of the set-up process and you can opt in to apply an annual index-linked increase, which will protect the value of your gift, and The Minster's finances, against the impact of inflation. This mandate can be set up:

- Online at www.parishgiving.org.uk. Enter our parish name 'Ilminster St Mary', or parish code - 010601504. Thereafter follow the instructions.
- By post using a paper form to: PGS, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1 3BD (please contact me for a copy - (see reverse).
- By phone: 0333 0021260

Bank Transfer or Standing Order

You can make regular donations to the Minster by standing order from your bank account. Our bank account details are: 'St Mary's Ilminster PCC; a/c no. 70968683; sort code 60-11-38'. Alternatively, you can make a one-off donation by bank transfer. To add Gift Aid to your donations, you will need to complete and return a Gift Aid Declaration form; contact me for this (contact details on reverse).

In the Building

At services, you can put cash or cheques into the collection plate at the back of the church (we do not usually pass the plate). Cheques should be made payable to 'St Mary's Ilminster PCC'. You can also donate by card using the contactless payment terminal at the back of church. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can Gift Aid your donations by completing a yellow Gift Aid envelope (for cash or cheques), or by following the relevant instructions, when prompted, on the contactless device.

When you Shop

The Minster is signed up to receive donations via easyfundraising. Over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to St Mary's, The Minster, Ilminster on your behalf when you shop with them online. Choose St Mary's, The Minster, Ilminster as your beneficiary, activate the donation reminder, or find your favourite retailer online via the easyfundraising website, to attract a donation each time you shop. You can sign-up here:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-marys-the-minster-ilminster>

or scan the QR code >>>



Leaving a Lasting Legacy – Gifts in Wills

Large or small, every gift in a will makes a lasting difference to the life of our church. A solicitor can give you independent expert advice about writing a new will or amending an existing will and how to ensure that your wishes are carried out. They can also advise you on the different types of gifts you can leave in a will. You can give a fixed amount of money, known as a pecuniary gift, which can be index linked to inflation, or you can divide your estate into shares, known as a residuary gift. This can ensure that your will continues to reflect your wishes and is in tune with the church's teaching on proportionate giving. A charitable gift in your will is tax free and may reduce the overall tax payable by your estate.

The PCC has a written Legacy Policy confirming that gifts in wills are used to make a lasting difference and, because needs change over time, encourages gifts to be left for the general purposes of the church.

To leave a lasting legacy to The Minster, please speak to your Solicitor, or use the free will writing service, Farewill to create a will quickly and easily online - www.farewill.com/cofe-web

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Further Information

The forms mentioned above are available at the back of the church (narthex), but, if in doubt, please speak to me in person or contact me on giving@ilminsterpc.org.uk.
Tim Wootton
(Gift Aid Secretary).

