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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.

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3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
'Remembrance'
8th November 2026

THE PARISH MASS
CHORAL
10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass Setting: **Mass for Four Voices** *(1592-3)*
by ***William Byrd*** *(c.1540-1623)*
Hymns in NEH *(green book)* ***Please join in with the Bold Type***

¶ THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Choir sings the ***Introit****,* ***Rest****, poem from 'Goblin Market and Other Poems' (1865) by Christina Rossetti (1830-94) as set by* ***Ralph Vaughan Williams*** *(1902).*

O Earth, lie heavily upon her eyes;
Seal her sweet eyes weary of watching, Earth;
Lie close around her; leave no room for mirth
With its harsh laughter, nor for sound of sighs.
She hath no questions, she hath no replies,
Hushed in and curtained with a blessed dearth
Of all that irked her from the hour of birth;
With stillness that is almost Paradise.
Darkness more clear than noon-day holdeth her,
Silence more musical than any song;
Even her very heart has ceased to stir:
Until the morning of Eternity
Her rest shall not begin nor end, but be;
And when she wakes she will not think it long.

Stand.

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help.
Cf. Ps 88: 2

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Processional Hymn: 417

O God, our help in ages past (Tune: St Anne)

The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

Prayers of Penitence

Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate
the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
(And, striking their breast, they say:)
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
(Then they continue:)
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces ***the Absolution***

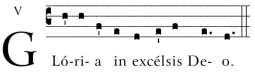
Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir sings the Kyrie & the Gloria

The Kyrie Eleison

Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

Gloria in Excelsis



/ et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis.
/ Laudámus te, benedícimus te,
/ adorámus te, glorificámus te,
/ grátias ágimus tibi / propter magnam glóriam tuam,
/ Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, / Deus Pater omnípotens.
/ Dómine Fili unigénite, / Iesu Christe, / Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris,
/ qui tollis peccáta mundi, / miserére nobis;
/ qui tollis peccáta mundi, / súscipe deprecatiónem nostram.
/ Qui sedes ad déxteram Patris, / miserére nobis.
/ Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, / tu solus Dóminus,
/ tu solus Altíssimus, / Iesu Christe, / cum Sancto Spíritu:
/ ✠ in glória Dei Patris. / Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings.

First Reading *from* ***the Old Testament***

A reading from the prophet Amos (5: 18-24)

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the
LORD? It is darkness, not light; 19 as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by
a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten
by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no
brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your
solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-
offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted
animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will
not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and
righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 *sung by the choir*

Deus, in adjutorium

1 HASTE thee, O God, to deliver me : make haste to help me, O Lord.
2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul :
let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.
3 Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame :
that cry over me, There, there.
4 But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee :
and let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.
5 As for me, I am poor and in misery : haste thee unto me, O God.
6 Thou art my helper and my redeemer : O Lord, make no long tarrying.

Second Reading *from* ***the New Testament***

A reading from the First Letter of S. Paul to the Thessalonians (4: 13-18)

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who
have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since
we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring
with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no
means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of
command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will
descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are
alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the
Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand & turn to face the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♫ **Alleluia!** Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. *S. Matthew 24: 42a, 44* **Alleluia!** ♫

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ Matthew (25: 1-13)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 1 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9 But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12 But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

Stand ***Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed***

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
(Genuflect) ***was incarnate from the Holy Spirit***
and the Virgin Mary and was made human. *(Rise)*
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ **and the life of the age to come. Amen.**

Remain standing ***Prayers of Intercession***

Celebrant

My sisters and brothers, through our common prayer let us pray for the coming of the peace and unity of God's kingdom.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 1

Let us pray for the peace of the world: for elected leaders and all in authority, that they might have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right; for all people and communities who work to improve international relationships, and all involved in the work of peacemaking, that they may find the true way to reconcile the divisions amongst humankind, and for people the world over, that they may have peace, bread, work and freedom. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 2

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war: for the injured and disabled, for the mentally distressed, and for those whose faith in God and humanity has been weakened or destroyed; for the homeless and refugees, for those who are hungry, and for all who have lost their livelihood and security.
Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 3

Let us pray for all who courageously challenge injustice and campaign for peace, dignity and human rights through non-violent action; and especially for all who are detained or imprisoned because of their participation in peaceful protest. Help us all to make hope possible rather than despair convincing.
Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 4

Let us pray and give thanks for the people of this Parish; for our families, friends and neighbours; for our schools, churches, organisations and groups; and for all the people who serve us in the community. Help us to work together for the peace and well-being of Deptford. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 5

Let us pray for all who are sick, those whose names appear on our Prayer Board and also *(Celebrant adds the names…)* Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 6

Let us pray for all those who mourn their dead, those who have lost friends, partners, children, brothers, sisters or parents, and especially for those who have no hope in Christ to sustain them in their grief. Lord in your mercy.

Celebrant

For the recently departed, *especially…*
and all whose anniversaries fall at this time *especially*
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
✠ May they rest in peace **and rise in glory. Amen.**

The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions, and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: **Hail Mary.**
S. Joseph of Nazareth, **Pray for us.**
S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles,
S. Paul the Apostle, our Patron
Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles
S. Augustine and S. Monica
S. Benedict and S. Scholastica
S. Francis and S. Clare of Assisi
Bl. John Duns Scotus
Bl. Margery Kempe
S. Leo the Great
S. Martin of Tours
S. Josaphat
S. Florido and S. Amanzio
All you angels and saints.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, infinite in wisdom, love, and power: have compassion on those for whom we pray, and help us to use all suffering in the cause of your kingdom, through him who gave himself for us on the cross, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing.

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared.

The Offertory Hymn: 498
Son of God, eternal Saviour (Tune: Everton)

Remain standing. ***Orate Fratres***

Pray my sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good,
and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,
we may honour it with loving devotion.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant sings ***the Preface*** *in which God is praised for his mighty acts, & the choir sings the* ***Sanctus & Benedictus:***

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis.
✠ Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:

AMEN.

¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing.

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

The celebrant adds:

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the peace with those immediately around us,
a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.

The choir sings ***Agnus Dei*** *during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten, placing a small piece in the chalice.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
S. Matthew 5: 9

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies

Amen.

and then receives.

**** At home,** make an **Act of Spiritual Communion ****

As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.

O Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received, his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled with grace and the pledge of eternal glory is received.
O Sacrum Convivium, 13th century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

THE JESUS PRAYER
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. (x10)

THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

Choir sings the ***Communion Motet***, ***Lord Thou hast been our refuge*** *(Psalm 90), as set by* ***Ralph Vaughan Williams*** *(1872-1958), published in 1921.*

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting
and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction;
again thou sayest: Come again, ye children of men.
For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday;
seeing that is past as a watch in the night.
O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep
and fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green, and groweth up,
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered.
For we consume away in thy displeasure,
and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
For when thou art angry all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told.
The years of our age are three-score years and ten,
and though men be so strong that they come to four-score years,
yet is their strength but labour and sorrow.
So passeth it away, and we are gone. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last.
Be gracious unto thy servants. O satisfy us with thy mercy and that soon.
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever the earth and the world were made,
thou art God from everlasting and world without end.
And the glorious majesty of the Lord be upon us.
Prosper thou, O prosper thou the work of our hands,
O prosper thou our handywork.

The Communion Hymn: 377

Immortal, invisible, God only wise (Tune: St Denio)

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand.

Postcommunion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

¶ NOTICES & ANY BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

Stand.

The Blessing

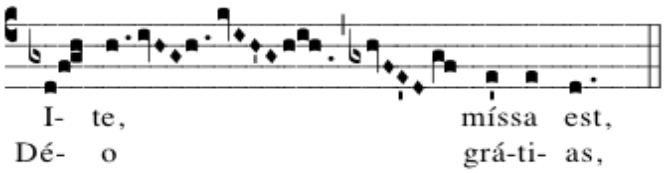
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen**.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you. **Amen**.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace: **Amen**.

And the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal



The Recessional Hymn: 492

O God of earth and altar (Tune: King's Lynn)

¶ THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

A list of those to be remembered by name is read.

Choir sings, **For the fallen,** *Words by Laurence Binyon (1914)*
Set by Douglas Albert Guest CVO, (1916 – 18 November 1996), in 1971.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

2 minutes Silence.

Choir sings, ***I heard a voice from heaven,***
by ***Herbert Norman Howells*** *(1892-1983), from 'Requiem', no. VI, written in 1932, first performed 1980.*

I heard a voice from heav'n saying unto me:
Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord:
Even so saith the Spirit: for they rest from their labours.

Celebrant says:

Let us pray:
Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
We will.
Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
We will.
Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **Amen**.

✠ Rest eternal, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought glad tidings to Mary;
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy Word. Hail Mary…

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us. Hail Mary…

Pray for us O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross ✠ and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Organ Voluntary

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THE KALENDAR

3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
32nd WEEK of ORDINARY TIME
8th to 14th NOVEMBER 2026

MASS & *Other Service* **Times** in church

SUN, **8th**,	*MP 9.00am,*	**PARISH MASS 10.30am**, *EP 5.00pm*
MON, **9th**, *Bl. Margery Kempe*		*No Public Liturgies*
TUES, **10th**, *S. Leo the Great*		*MP 9.15am, EP 5.30pm,* **Mass 6.00pm**
WEDS, **11th**, *S. Martin of Tours*		*MP 9.15am, EP 5.30pm,* **Mass 6.00pm**
THURS, **12th**, *S. Josaphat*		*MP 9.15am, EP 5.30pm,* **Mass 6.00pm**
FRI, **13th**, *S. Florido and S. Amanzio*		*MP 9.15am, EP 6.00pm*
SAT, **14th**, *Feria*	*MP 9.15am,*	**Mass 10.00am**, *EP 6.00pm*

***DAILY OFFICE:** MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer*

15th NOVEMBER 2026
2nd BEFORE ADVENT

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am
PARISH MASS SUNG *at* **10.30am**
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector
EVENING PRAYER at 5.00pm

THE NOTICES

Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested in
HOLY BAPTISM &/or **HOLY CONFIRMATION**

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

Next session to be arranged. All welcome.
Thursdays, 8.30-10pm on Zoom.
Info & login details on Parish website & the Rector's Weekly Email.
Ideas for the next book and/or film appreciated!

CHURCH CLEANING and PREPARATION

every Saturday after Mass until 12.30pm.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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The Church, based upon biblical teaching, asks every Christian to give a Tithe, 10% of their time, talents & money to God's work, and recommends that members contribute 5% of their income to their church. **E.g. If you earn:**
£5000 a year or, £96 a week = Give £5 a week to S. Paul's.
£10000 a year, £192 a week = £10 a week. £20000 a year, £385 a week = £20 a week.
£25000 a year, £480 a week = £25 a week. £30000 a year, £577 a week = £30 a week.
Over the year our costs run to almost £1,000 a week. We receive no external subsidies, and all monies must be raised from the parishioners, through lettings, or voluntary donations. ***Thank you** for all financial contributions which help to pay for: - the: Utility bills of the church, (gas, electricity, water) - Costs of maintaining the worship, (e.g. candles, wine, wafers, incense) - Maintenance, cleaning, & repair of our Grade 1 Listed church, (substantial costs) - Office costs (e.g. postage, printing, paper) - Monthly Diocesan Parish Share to the Diocese, (80p out of every £1 we give to the Diocese goes towards clergy stipends).*

We ask everyone, who can, to please give via Direct Debit, Standing Order, or, via the Weekly Envelope Scheme.
***GIVING VIA DIRECT DEBIT:** Please see the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME** information leaflet and Direct Debit Form, on the Parish Website*
ONLINE GIVING:** Our **Give A Little** page is available on our website, via the **Donate** button, or here: **https://bit.ly/spd-giving

✠ FURTHER INFORMATION & UPDATES ✠

On the **Parish Website, Church Noticeboard** *(churchyard forecourt)* **& Subscribe to the Rector's Weekly Email** *directly from the link on the website or by sending an email to:*
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sent every Friday via MailChimp (GDPR compliant)