



STEWARDSHIP 2021



Dear Friends,

In November I asked the whole church family to prayerfully consider the 'Generous' stewardship material, and to think how each of us could respond to the generosity of God in Jesus.

The PCC acknowledged then there was considerable financial uncertainty faced by many in our church, and as we begin a further period of national lockdown, this uncertainty has only increased. These are indeed exceptional times, so let me encourage us once more to "fix our eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2).

In the 'Generous' material, I said we would love to increase three significant things in our giving as a church family in 2021: regular giving by 8%, the number of people giving, and giving online. Let me give you a brief update on each of these.

Increase regular giving by 8%

Based on the pledges received, and ongoing regular giving, I am pleased to confirm that the request for an overall 8% increase in expected giving has been met. This means we can proceed with our expenditure plans for 2021 as set out in the budget, which were summarised in the Stewardship documents.

Increase the number of people giving

While we give great thanks for the 8% increase in regular giving, this has been borne by a relatively small number of people. There has been a marginal increase in the overall number of givers, but we would still love to widen the giving base of the church family. **If you are in a position to give, but have yet to respond, please click [HERE](#)** to access the Giving page of the church website and follow the links to the relevant forms. You can make an ongoing pledge or an additional one-off contribution; every gift is valued.

Increase online income

There have been a good number of people who have moved their giving online – thank you. This is particularly helpful as we enter a further period of lockdown as there will be no cash donations arising from bowl offerings made at church services for the short term at least.

In a climate of continued uncertainty, we will continue to keep you updated on progress as the year proceeds and, no doubt, as our plans need to change. Should you have any questions please contact me or, if they are of a financial nature, contact the Treasurer, **Rob Kingdom on 07714 226000 or by email rkingdom36@gmail.com**.

Thank you to the finance team who beaver away behind the scenes crunching the numbers so diligently, and to everyone involved in putting together the 'Generous' documents and videos. Thank you to you, the church family, for responding so generously, which reflects God's generosity to us in Christ, for which we are eternally thankful.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Stuart

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