

Partnership

2022 Giving at All Saints



Dear Friends,



It's a joy to be writing to you as Vicar for the first time.

What a year of change it has been for us all; for some, a year of new starts, for others a year of painful loss.

Yet while we haven't yet left Covid behind, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness to us all over the last eighteen months. What has been done in and through All Saints under the creative and faithful leadership of Stuart Silk, Hugh Bourne and our churchwardens, Katie Spensley and Laurence Trigwell has been quite amazing.

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As restrictions have lifted, so church life has resumed in a more recognisable way. What a joy it is to be able to meet together again – something perhaps many of us once

took for granted. We're aware, of course, that some are still unable to come to All Saints for various reasons and while we continue to livestream services, we look forward to the day when we can all meet again.

Meanwhile, numbers of people (my family included) have joined the church family. Some are Christians, others are exploring the Christian faith. We give thanks that God's work is growing among so many, from young families to those in their senior years. Music ministry is flourishing. Care homes and schools have reopened to visits and we pray this will last. New opportunities are presenting themselves as we seek to love and serve those around us, holding out the message of salvation in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

This year our theme for the Stewardship season is Partnership.

However long or short we have been Christians, amazingly God has called us into partnership with Him for this time. And not only are we partners with Him, but whatever our age or background we're partners with one another in the work of the gospel.

Partnership is more than financial, of course – it involves getting to know one another, caring, serving, praying and reaching out together – but it's no less than financial. The ministry that takes place in and through All Saints can only happen because of the generous financial giving of the church family.

We thank God for the generosity of those who came before us, who gave in faith and from whom we benefit. In turn, we're called to give generously for the sake of others as the gospel advances.

Will you please pray and consider how you can partner financially?

On the following page are a number of resources that I would like to commend to you. As well as information on key dates, there is a link to a video about our partnership, and a link to a document which outlines our financial situation as we seek to respond to the opportunities God has given us in the year ahead.

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Finally, I would like to express my thanks to the Finance Team and PCC for their hard work and oversight on our behalf in this vital area of our life together.

**Yours in partnership,
Steve Nichols**
Vicar

November 2021

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Dates

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday
17th November

8-9pm on Zoom

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday
21st November

When we think as a church family
about our calling to give generously

Dedication Sunday

Sunday
28th November

When we present our gifts
and pledges to the Lord

Resources



Video

A message from Steve Nichols
about our 2022 Stewardship

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play



Finance Report

Outlining our financial situation
as we seek to respond

Summary

Full Version

Bible Study

A study on giving to use
either in Connect Groups or
by couples or individuals.

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