

Giving and Funding News – January 2021

Giving and Grant Funding Information and Resources

To make our website easier to navigate, we have recently separated the latest information we publish on giving and grant funding opportunities. These are updated usually weekly, so do check in regularly for more information on giving, webinar training available and grant funding:

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/latest-giving-and-fundraising-news/>
and <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/grant-funding-latest/>

There is a wide range of resources in the Christian Giving and Funding section of our website to help you increase income for your church, through planned giving, online giving, Gift Aid, funding for capital & revenue projects, etc: <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/>

For advice and ideas to support your parish with **raising funds in 2021**:

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2021/01/raising-funds-for-your-parish-in-2021/>

Thanking Givers

A reminder to Treasurers – Now is an important time to send a personalised thank you to your givers in appreciation of their giving during 2020 - a very challenging year. Please keep this just as a thank you, without combining it with a request to give more. This should come later as part of a planned giving review or other communication made to those who regularly support your parish.

Online Giving, Legacy and Funding Webinars

The National Giving Team at the Church of England is holding a number of [free one-hour webinars](#) for parishes covering giving matters, including webinars for [Clergy & Laity](#) on building a generous church:

28 January 2021, 10.30 am	Introduction to the Generosity Toolkit
1 February 2021, 11.00 am	How to Run a Giving Review
1 February 2021, 2.00 pm	Theology of Giving (Clergy & laity training)
2 February 2021, 3.00 pm	Getting started with Contactless giving
5 February 2021, 11.00 am	Receiving online gifts
8 February 2021, 10.30 am	Getting started with Legacy giving
8 February 2021, 2.00 pm	Saving money and increasing income with Parish Buying
11 February 2021, 12.00 noon	Getting the most out of Give A Little online fundraising
16 February 2021, 10.30 am	Tales of Generosity story telling (Clergy & laity training : Zoom)
17 February 2021, 3.00 pm	Getting the most out of your Contactless unit
19 February 2021, 2.00 pm	Introduction to the Generosity Toolkit
26 February 2021, 11.00 am	Communicating Legacy giving in your church

1 March 2021, 1.30 pm	Online giving – Sharing your giving message online
2 March 2021, 10.30 am	Giving in the Wider Community (Clergy & laity training)
3 March 2021, 2.00 pm	How to Run a Giving Review
4 March 2021, 12.00 noon	Getting started with Contactless giving
5 March 2021, 11.00 am	Introduction to Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme
9 March 2021, 12.00 noon	Getting the most out of your Contactless unit
10 March 2021, 2.00 pm	Theology of Giving (Clergy & laity training)
12 March 2021, 12.00 noon	Getting started with Legacy giving
15 March 2021, 2.00 pm	Building a Successful Generosity Fika (half day) generosity culture
16 March 2021, 10.00 am	Saving money and increasing income with Parish Buying
16 March 2021, 2.00 pm	Communicating Legacy giving in your church
23 March 2021, 11.00 am	What does our Congregation think about giving? (Clergy & laity)
23 March 2021, 2.00 pm	Introduction to Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme
24 March 2021, 2.00 pm	Tales of Generosity story telling (Clergy & laity training: Zoom)
25 March 2021, 10.00 am	Getting the most out of Give A Little online fundraising
12 April 2021, 11.00 am	Why People Give (and why some don't)
13 April 2021, 10.30 am	Building a Successful Generosity Fika (half day) generosity culture
15 April 2021, 12.00 noon	Online giving – Sharing your giving message online
19 April 2021, 2.30 pm	Introduction to the Generosity Toolkit
21 April 2021, 2:30 pm	Getting started with Contactless giving
22 April 2021, 12.00 noon	Getting the most out of your Contactless unit
26 April 2021, 12.00 noon	Saving money and increasing income with Parish Buying
27 April 2021, 3.00 pm	Getting started with Legacy giving
28 April 2021, 10.00 am	Giving in the Wider Community (Clergy & laity training)
29 April 2021 10.00 am	Communicating Legacy giving in your church
5 May 2021, 2.30 pm	Theology of Giving (Clergy & laity training)
7 May 2021, 11.30 am	How to Run a Giving Review
10 May 2021, 11.00 am	What does our Congregation think about giving? (Clergy & laity)
11 May 2021, 10.30 am	Getting the most out of Give A Little online fundraising
13 May 2021, 12.00 noon	Introduction to Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme
13 May 2021, 2.00 pm	Online giving – Sharing your giving message online
17 May 2021, 2.00 pm	Building a Successful Generosity Fika (half day) generosity culture
20 May 2021, 2.30 pm	Tales of Generosity story telling (Clergy & laity training: Zoom)

For more information and to book any of the webinars, visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/webinars-and-training>

You can still [watch the Online Giving webinar](#) recorded on 12 May 2020, covering setting up and receiving online donations, encouraging online donations and communicating with your community.

Stewardship: Trustee and Treasurer Quarterly Dial-in

Stewardship is offering a free webinar, for anyone involved in financial stewardship of any church or charity, covering:

- Update to the Exception Regulations for churches
- Risk management and how to assess risk in churches and charities

- Updates from the Charity Commission
- How to think about reserves – holding too much or too little
- A cautionary tale on Charity fraud.
(Agenda subject to change in the event of new government developments.)

4 February 2021, 1.00 pm

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/events/training-and-events>

Giving by Card and Contactless

The latest updates on card readers and contactless can be found on our website at

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/latest-giving-and-fundraising-news/>

Details of solutions available and discounted prices for churches which have signed up to the Church of England's Parish Buying website are available at

<https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/giving-and-payments>

The type of card reader you may like to consider will depend on whether or not you have Wi-Fi or a mobile phone signal in your church, whether you would like a card terminal for just attended donations or unattended as well so that you can leave it in your church for visitors, whether you would like it for suggested donation amounts in services & from visitors, or for payment of fees as well. For advice on which unit would be most suited to your needs please contact Gary Watson.

Online Giving and Easyfundraising

The latest updates on online giving can be found at <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/online-fundraising-and-donations/>

We recommend using either:

- **easyfundraising**, which can be used for both direct donations and generating donations for your church as people shop online: <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/online-fundraising-and-donations/easyfundraising/>; or
- **SumUp with Give A Little** which enables your church to receive online donations and use contactless devices (subject to a suitable 3G mobile phone signal or Wi-Fi connection): <https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/giving-and-payments/online-giving>

Both options allow donors to Gift Aid their donation, collecting a Gift Aid Declaration which can be included as part of your church's regular Gift Aid claim.

Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme as churches reopen

HMRC has confirmed that, where churches normally make use of the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) in relation to small gifts given in weekly envelopes, it is happy to accept Gift Aid claims for separate weekly envelopes containing £30 or less given when Church buildings re-open or multiple gifts given in one envelope with a declaration stating how much was donated each week and the relevant dates.

Generosity Week

The National Giving Team has produced some resources and materials which can be used over the course of a week, to encourage people to live generously – to thank God for all he has given us, to think and reflect. The resources can be used at any time of year. We hope your church will join in and share this time to grow our understanding of God's generosity and how it enriches our daily lives.

The **Generosity Week** includes a week of free resources running from Sunday to Sunday:-

- Service Content packs with a range of materials for two Sunday services, one on generosity and one on gratitude
- Liturgy for a week's morning prayer services for services in person or online
- 8 daily audio reflection podcasts for congregation members
- A small group study session with a guide for leaders, including a Biblical reflection and discussion questions based on the material from one of the Sunday services.

The resources are available on the national Parish Resources website at:

<https://www.pariahresources.org.uk/generosity-week/>

Church Maintenance

National Churches Trust has produced a maintenance checklist template for churches, to help you keep track of what needs doing and when:

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/regular-maintenance/maintenance-checklists-and-plans>

Smaller PCCs' charity exemption extended to 2031

PCCs with an annual income under £100K are currently excepted from the requirement to register with the Charity Commission and to submit annual reports to them. The exception was due to expire on 31 March 2021. However, the Government has now extended the exception for a further 10 years, to 31 March 2031, which means that additional administrative work will not now need to be undertaken by PCCs with incomes under £100K.

Funding alerts

We provide weekly funding alerts on our website highlighting several funds currently accepting applications. These include COVID-19 specific recovery funds to support churches engaging with social projects to address need, as well as alerts for revenue and capital funds. Why not set a reminder to visit the website each week, especially useful if your church is actively seeking funding for projects. Details are usually updated by Friday.

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/grant-funding-latest/>

As always, funding advice for your project is available from Gary (contact details below).

Keep in touch through Twitter

Keep in touch with Gary through his Giving and Funding Twitter account – follow him @GaryW_GAFA.

Giving and Funding advice for churches

We are here to help. We can assist you with issues around giving, help with Planned Giving Reviews, obtain details of suitable grant making trusts and support you with applications for both revenue and capital projects. Please get in touch.

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Church Buildings Advice

For church buildings, conservation, legal advice and support, dealing with architects, Faculty applications, etc, please get in touch with Emma:

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At the time of writing, we are working from home, but available on our usual email and phone numbers.

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