

WAYS OF GIVING TO SUPPORT GOD'S WORK at St Andrew's

During the difficult Covid-19 times, we have had to seek and encourage safer ways of planned giving as the church suffers from an incredible loss of its regular weekly income from Cash & Cheques, making the church vulnerable. In fact, government and church guidance discourages cash offerings, as they pose unsafe counting and banking difficulties, as well as cash flow problems in serious times, and difficulty in planning for a prudent, faithful future. *Indeed 'a triple whammy' – e.g. loss of hall rental income; loss of church service offerings; pastoral concerns for many caused by economic upheaval.* This is a serious concern for both the Church, **and** the Congregation who are unable to attend our Church Services. **The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a safer alternative, and a very convenient, effective and efficient method, for people to give regularly, so *please* prayerfully consider this option if you have always given your offertory to the church regularly by Weekly Envelopes, and/or Loose cash/cheque. To sign up is available online, or by a simple telephone call, or posting the Gift Form; details are below, along with other giving options to help and support our church through these difficult days. BUT to give regularly to St Andrew's Church, PLEASE do first consider PGS. A Bank Standing Order still remains an option. And if you already give via PGS you can manage your details Online, by Telephone Call, by Email, or in Writing**

And if you can, please



Thank You

1. The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) - is a 21st century solution to offset one of the greatest threats to parish income, which is static giving and a threat to a considerable portion of lost regular offertory income. It is a safe and well used method of regular giving to your local Church, now used by the majority of our Congregations, and across many Diocese. It is an immediate and positive step to restore sustainability into the future. The scheme enables you to donate monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit, and if you are eligible to Gift Aid, this will enhance your gift to the church by having Gift Aid at 25% added to your giving. You also have the option to automatically increase your giving by inflation each year. You can give anonymously if you prefer.

Donations are made to the PGS and are restricted to the church chosen by you, the donor, and cannot be used elsewhere. The full amount of your Giving will be paid directly into your church bank account, on the 10th of the month. Gift Aid tax reclaim, where applicable, will be paid in full separately, usually in the same month as your Giving, once PGS has received it from HMRC. And all at no cost to the church or yourself. 100% of your Giving is received by the church. The advantages to your Church, and yourself, are immediate the moment you sign up.

Here are a few reasons to please prayerfully consider switching to the system:

- 80% of churches in the Liverpool Diocese have successfully registered with the PGS; more than for any other diocese
- In excess of £1.75million was gifted to those churches from about 2500 people through PGS in 2019 and this income is increased substantially where Gift Aid can be claimed from HMRC
- **Here at St Andrew's over 60% of our planned giving is received through PGS**

Other benefits for YOU and YOUR church:

- Figures show that an increase in the number of givers using PGS increases church income
- No missed envelopes/loose cash - Giving via PGS will let givers give what they plan to give rather than what they remember to give.
- Giving via PGS allows the chance to free up hours of church administrators time, and provides for safer banking.
- Giving via PGS ensures you are in complete control of what you give
- Giving via PGS incurs no cost at all to the church.
- Giving via PGS is free for every giver. The church receives the full amount plus Gift Aid if applied.
- If you Gift Aid your Giving your Declaration is with the PGS

With 30 Diocese signed up PGS processed in May 2020 just over **49,000 regular gifts** to parishes through the PGS, with circa **55%** of donors opting to increase their giving annually in line with inflation. **£3.8 million** in gifts alone, and an additional **£900,000** in Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC to **2,884** parishes. **To sign up could not be simpler**

Here is a reminder:

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St Andrew's Church Maghull in the



St Andrew's Church Maghull has registered with www.parishgivingscheme.org. This is the information you need when you ring to make your gifts to your church through the PGS:

Our full church name as registered with PGS is:

Maghull St Andrew Liverpool Diocese

Our unique church code is:
220622154



QR Code

To change your Direct Debit, once it is set up:

Via My PGS on the website

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/my-pgs/>

or ring the PGS team on **0333 002 1260**,

or email info@parishgiving.org.uk.

**You can also write to:
Parish Giving Scheme
76 Kingsholm Road
Gloucester
GL1 3BD.**

Supporting your church

1. Giving through the Parish Giving Scheme

Why give through the Parish Giving Scheme?

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is simply the best way you can support **St Andrew's Church Maghull**. The PGS is an Anglican charity. Most Liverpool parishes have joined and over half of English dioceses support it. Joining the PGS makes a huge difference compared with weekly envelopes or cash on the plate because we can collect your gift now. It is more efficient than standing orders. Find out more at

<https://www.liverpool.anglican.org/making-it-easier-parishes/talking-money/parish-giving-scheme/parish-giving-scheme.php>

Your gift is *always* in your full control (online, email, phone, postal) with PGS. The Scheme is for every church member with a bank account. You do not need to pay tax.

Your gift leaves your account by Direct Debit on the 1st of each month. It is in the church bank account by the 10th along with any Gift Aid reclaims from HMRC by the end of the month. The PGS saves time and administration and helps with cash flow. Even if you can't worship in church your gift will support our ministry and PGS helps us make generous giving part of our daily life and discipleship.

How do I join - Firstly

- Have your bank details to hand: account number, sort code and the name of your bank.
- Have the church details found on the left to hand: our church name and our unique PGS church code.

Then choose one of three ways -

1. Ring the PGS office in Gloucester on **0333 002 1271**. They will guide you through the process, Monday to Friday 9- 5pm
2. By the website. <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> and type in church code or the church postcode **or scan the QR code alongside with a smart phone.**
3. By completing a Gift Form available from church via 0151 531 8972/ enquiries@maghullstandrew.com **or go to maghullstandrew.com to download the PGS Gift Form (and Information Leaflet)**

Please note: - If you are a taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your Giving through PGS, please arrange this during your registration. (Any existing Gift Aid declaration with your church is unaffected for any other giving/donation to the church)

What happens next?

You will receive confirmation by email or post of your Direct Debit, the amount and date of your first PGS gift. If you already give by standing order, remember to cancel it once PGS have confirmed with you.

How much does it cost?

Nothing. Everything you give goes into the church bank account.

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And if you already give via PGS You can now manage your giving online

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/my-pgs/>

- As an existing donor you now can review and manage your current giving and add new donations online, even if you originally set up your giving by post or phone.
- If you are using this website for the first time, you will need to set up an online account. Go to 'Sign in' on the menu, and then select 'Activate Account' and you'll be invited to activate your account by email.
- If you wish to use the same email address that you have previously provided to us for correspondence, the website will recognise your address when you enter it. However, if as a donor you have not yet provided the PGS with an email address, please contact us first so that we can update your records and verify your identity. You can do this by calling us on 0333 002 1260, or by [email](#).
- Having set up your online account, you can then log-in securely at any time to update your personal contact information, the value of your current gift, choices about Gift Aid, inflationary increase and anonymity status, or to add a new donation.
- You can still manage your giving with a phone call, or an email, or writing, if preferred.

Please see below for more options to financially support St Andrew's Church

2 By Bank Standing Order

If you would like to Give through a Bank Standing Order, *you will need to download and print the Bank Standing Order Mandate available from this church website.* If you are able to Gift Aid your Giving to St Andrew's Church by Standing Order, your Declaration is direct with the Church.

2.1 If you have not previously signed a St Andrew's Gift Aid Declaration Form *and would like to Gift Aid your giving to the church by Standing Order, you will need to download and print the Gift Aid Declaration Form available from this church website.* If you can, do please

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3 By Giving on Line - £5 £10 £15 £20 £25 £50 or Own Amount £



Please go to the "A Church Near You" website for St Andrew's Church Maghull L31 6DD and click on the link to donate through give a little via A Church Near You at <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

4 By Text Giving via



Text: STANDMAG £ to 70085 (£ can be 1 to 20)

**For Example, to donate £5 Text to 70085: STANDMAG 5
£10 Text to 70085: STANDMAG 10**

Please note that Texts cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message

5 By Shopping on line - click on the web link at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>



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ON LINE with 4000+ retailers

How does it work? Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. **How?** Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. If your retailer is one of the 4000+ they will then make a small donation to say "thank you" **AND PLEASE, First.....Register an account online with easyfundraising if you haven't got one, & Remember to Select & Support - St Andrews (Church) Maghull**

6 The church has a Legacy Policy: Please download the Legacies & Wills Leaflet available from this Church website

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For more information on any of the above options, please contact:

Geoff Walker, Gift Aid & Planned Giving Secretary

and leave a message via

St Andrew's Church on 0151 531 8972 / Email enquiries@maghullstandrew.com

And please do pass on any of this information to your family and friends

Thank you for taking time to read this document and prayerfully considering to financially support St Andrew's Church

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(Church Website at maghullstandrew.com)