

LivingGENEROUSLY

Lord, teach me to be generous.

Teach me to serve you as you deserve;

To give and not to count the cost,

To fight and not to heed the wounds,

To toil and not to seek for rest,

To labour and not to ask for reward,

Save that of knowing that I do your will.

Amen

(St Ignatius of Loyola)

'Every good and perfect gift is from above'

James 1:17

As Christians our understanding is that all that we have is a gift from God. Our God is abundant and generous in all that He offers to us. We offer our thanks to God by leading lives rooted in generosity, giving ourselves in prayer and worship, our time in service and our resources and money to support God's work.

The ministry and mission of our church are funded mainly through the incredible generosity of those who give, and we value the gift as much as the person behind the gift, so we begin by saying...

"Thank you for all that you give to support the ministry and mission of All Saints, Holbeach."

We are each called to give, just as God gives to us. It is a responsibility that is held by every one of us and it is a responsibility to take seriously.

It is your money, time and resources that enable the maintenance and upkeep of All Saints in addition to the outreach and ministry to the community of Holbeach. Our beautiful church, All Saints, has been a place of worship, outreach, refuge and prayer for

nearly 800 years. To maintain this building and the ministry and mission to the wider community costs £117,000 a year (in 2023). We do not currently receive enough to cover our costs, and it is essential that we increase giving to support the church in Holbeach. All Saints is a place that we all value and cherish, and we need to secure its future for ourselves and generations to come. That is why we seek your help: in prayer, time, resources and money.

'Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

In the words of Rev Dr Sam Wells;

If you don't give because no one's ever asked you, I'm asking you now. If you don't give regularly because you've never got around to it, I'm saying today's the day. If you don't give much because you think All Saints doesn't need it, I'm telling you that it does. If you don't give a lot because you don't have a lot, I'm saying your giving something is an example to everyone else. If you don't give more because no one's ever said thank you, I'm thanking you right now. If you already give until the pips squeak, I'm saying that's wonderful, and nudge the person next to you to do the same.

Positive IMPACT

Your giving has a real and positive impact in enabling our church's ministry and mission. Whilst it contributes towards the upkeep and maintenance of All Saints, there is so much more to church than the building. Church is the people who gather here as we seek to live out God's Kingdom, it is sharing our faith, supporting vulnerable people, providing outreach to those of all ages, as we live out God's abundant love in Holbeach.

Your generosity enables these and so many more things...

Mission & Worship

• Music, Choir & Bellringing

Hospitality & Fellowship

Fundraising

Welcomers

Lay Ministers

Church Wardens & PCC Members

Treasurer & PCC Secretary

Servers and Acolytes

Intercessors and Readers

Fucharistic Assistants

Flower Arrangers

The Saturday Gang

Maintenance Team

Brass Cleaners

Website, Social Media and Publicity

IT and AV Support



WHAT NEXT?

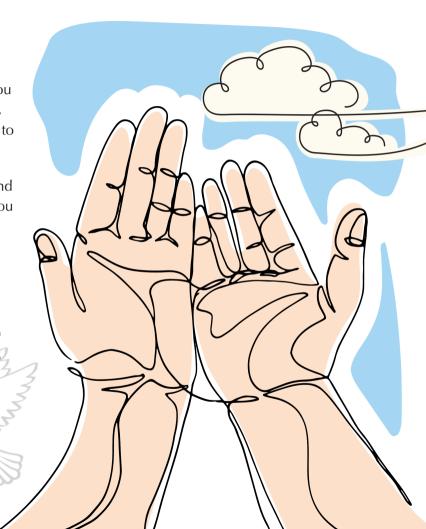
Take time to consider prayerfully what actions you should take; they will be different for everyone, and God will guide you as you discern how best to support All Saints.

Use this time as an opportunity to review how and what you give to the church. In what ways can you live a life of faithful generosity to support God's mission?

Thank you

'It is more blessed to give than to receive'

Acts 20:35



WAYS TO GIVE

Volunteering and Giving of your Time

Whatever your gifts, skills and interests there will be a way in which you can support All Saints and our wider community. Please speak to our Vicar or Church wardens.

The Parish Giving Scheme

Your commitment to making a regular monthly gift is much appreciated and allows us to plan and budget more effectively. It also allows us to benefit

significantly from Gift Aid. If you are already giving in this way, please take time to review your level of giving. It is easy to revise the amount you give or take advantage of automatic inflation increases. Your regular donation makes a real difference. Please ask for a sign-up pack.

Online and In-Church Giving

You can make one-off and regular gifts via our website or the donation terminal in church, as well as cash donations at each service or into the safe at other times.

Legacy Giving

A gift in your Will plays a crucial role and is a brilliant way to make a big long-term difference to the future. When

planning your Will, we understand the need to secure the future of your family, but we ask that once you have made provision for those closest to you, please consider a gift to All Saints Church Holbeach. We have a separate Legacy Giving guide available; please ask for a copy. 'And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.'

2 Corinthians 9:8



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