

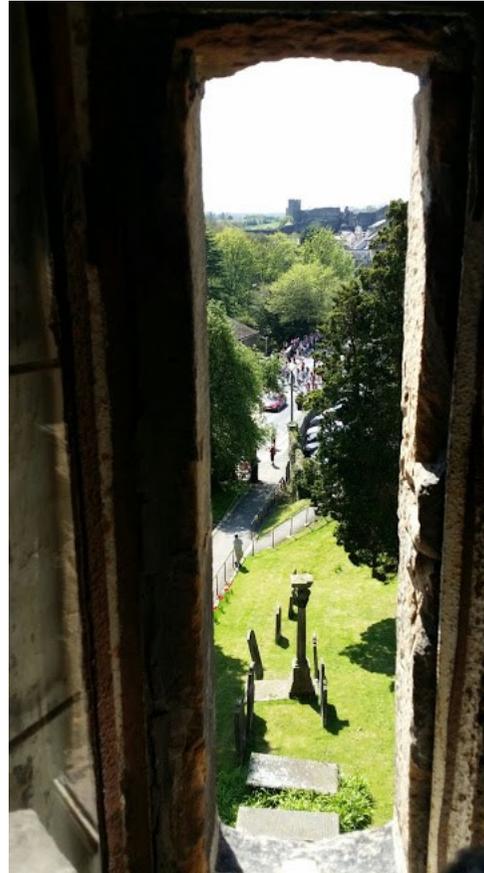
How to Give

Please talk to a member of the Ministry Team about volunteering your time – they will be delighted to hear from you.

Join our Planned Giving scheme, ideally by signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme – to demonstrate your commitment to God's work at St Mary's and enable us to plan with confidence in the level of income available.

Please consider including a legacy to St Mary's in your Will. Such bequests reduce the value of your estate for Inheritance Tax purposes and could attract tax relief at up to 40%.

If you would like to know more please contact the Rector or a Churchwarden.



The Parish of St Mary the Virgin Richmond with Hudswell



Stewardship Information

www.richmondhudswellparish.org.uk/Giving

*a people and a place
where love works*

Our Church

Your giving to St Mary's helps to continue our mission and community engagement, to maintain our church building, to support our Clergy, Organist and Administrator, and to pay our contribution to the Diocese of Leeds. Our collective aim is to spread God's word of love and hope locally and further afield.

As we look to extend our outreach into the wider community, we are grateful for your commitment of time, talents and financial support.

We have no Church Hall to let out so our only option to supplement our income is to hold regular fundraising events. Could you help the Friends of St Mary's organise any of these events?



Our Needs

St Mary's is dependent on the many volunteers who help to maintain the day-to-day functions of the church. Specialist skills are rarely needed: just a willingness to commit a little of your time and energy to sustain an area of parish life or to bring a particular project to fruition. What could you be doing to support St Mary's?

Each year, St Mary's aims to balance its budget so that the regular giving we receive matches our day-to-day expenses and the upkeep of the church. This has proved to be challenging in recent years as our regular outgoings continue to exceed our regular income from **Planned Giving**.

Planned Giving involves committing to making regular donations. A Planned Giving form is enclosed with this leaflet, along with a **Gift Aid** declaration (which will increase your gift by 25% if you are a UK tax payer).

A simpler approach to Planned Giving is offered by the **Parish Giving Scheme, (PGS)**, detailed in the enclosed leaflet. A PGS application form is also enclosed. Would you be willing to join?

Your Gift

Your giving is your response to the gifts you receive from God. We are all called to love God and our neighbour and your giving, whether of money or of your time and talents, is an expression of that love.

There is no one right answer as to how much time or money each person might give. Your decision should be made prayerfully and depend on your particular circumstances. Some people may struggle to give money but can give of their time in support of the church

In summary, please :

- **give realistically** in the light of your personal circumstances,
- join **Planned Giving** if you are not already a member, **ideally through the Parish Giving Scheme,**
- optimise your giving through **Gift Aid,**
- include St Mary's in your **Will.**

How will you respond?