

# How to Give

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

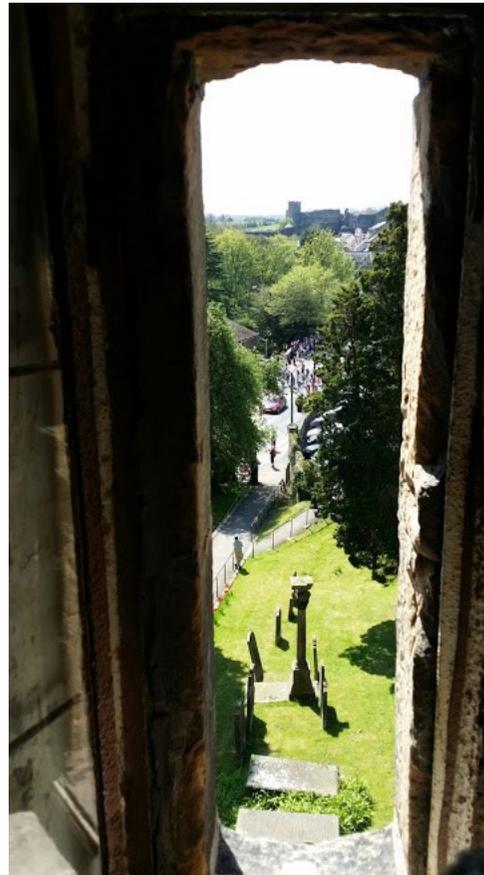
Join our Planned Giving scheme – to demonstrate your commitment to God's work at St Mary's and enable the PCC to plan activities with confidence in the level of income available. You can give either:

- by Standing Order direct from your bank account. For many people, this is a convenient way to give, and it is much simpler for the church to administer.
- by putting cash in weekly envelopes.

In either case, if you are a UK taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid declaration, as this increases the value of your gift to the church by 25% – at no cost to you!

The necessary form to join Planned Giving is enclosed. If you would like to know more before making your decision please contact the Rector or a Churchwarden.

Please also consider including a legacy to St Mary's in your Will. Such bequests reduce the value of your estate for Inheritance Tax purposes and therefore could effectively attract tax relief at up to 40%. For further information, please contact the Rector or a Churchwarden.



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# The Parish of St Mary the Virgin Richmond with St Michael and All Angels Hudswell



## Stewardship Information

*a people and a place  
where love works*

## Our Church

Your giving to St Mary's helps to continue our mission and community work, to maintain our church building, to support our Rector, Organist and Administrator, and to pay our contribution to the Diocese of Leeds. It therefore enables us to work towards the realisation of our Vision as the parish church of Richmond with Hudswell "to be a people and a place where love works". Our collective aim is to spread God's word of love and hope locally and further afield.

As we look to develop our Vision, extending our outreach into the wider community, we will need your commitment whether of time, talents or financial support.

**This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God**

*2 Corinthians 9:12*

## Our Needs

St Mary's is dependant 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 living 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. This has not been helped by a decline in membership of the Planned Giving scheme: the number of new members joining has not been matching those who have moved away to a different area or who sadly have died.

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 organise or publicise any of these events?

## 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 as 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 should give. Your decision should be made prayerfully and depend on your particular circumstances. The General Synod has suggested that 5% of take home pay might be appropriate, but some people follow the biblical principle of tithing: giving 10%. Others determine their giving in relation to expenditure - for example on hobbies, luxuries or essentials. Some people may struggle to give money but can give of their time in support of the work of the church

In summary, please consider:

- joining Planned Giving if you are not already a member
- optimising your giving through Gift Aid
- consider your giving (of time and/or money) to your Church
- giving realistically in the light of your personal circumstances
- including St Mary's in your Will.

## How will you respond?