

Frequently Asked Questions

Will my details be safe?

The PGS has invested in a sophisticated Customer Relationship Management database, which is used by some of the UK's largest charities. It is a secure system which adheres to the Data Protection Act.

What rate of inflation will be used?

Retail Prices Index (RPI) will be used as an independent and well known measure. The scheme will increase all relevant gifts using the rate for January of that year (if this rate is unavailable the rate for the previous January will be used for consistency).

What if I say yes to an inflationary increase, but my circumstances change?

We fully understand that circumstances can change; please rest assured that you will be written to 30 days in advance of any increase with the revised amount. If you are unable to meet it simply let the scheme administrators know.

Can I choose the day my gift is collected?

Unfortunately not. In minimising costs it is important that all donations are collected on the same day each month, which has been agreed as the 1st.

Will our parish be charged for this scheme?

There is no direct charge to us for using the Parish Giving Scheme or processing your donation. The annual running cost of the scheme is met by our diocese.

Why am I donating to the PGS?

In order to claim Gift Aid and manage the donation on behalf of our parish, it is necessary that your donation is legally given to the PGS who are handling all the administration on our behalf. The donation is restricted to our parish and cannot be used by the PGS for any other purposes.

Why can't our parish offer direct debit?

Direct Debiting is a highly regulated system, and is only offered by Banks for established businesses or organisations who are considered financially sound and reputable with proven internal control systems.



An introduction to the Parish Giving Scheme

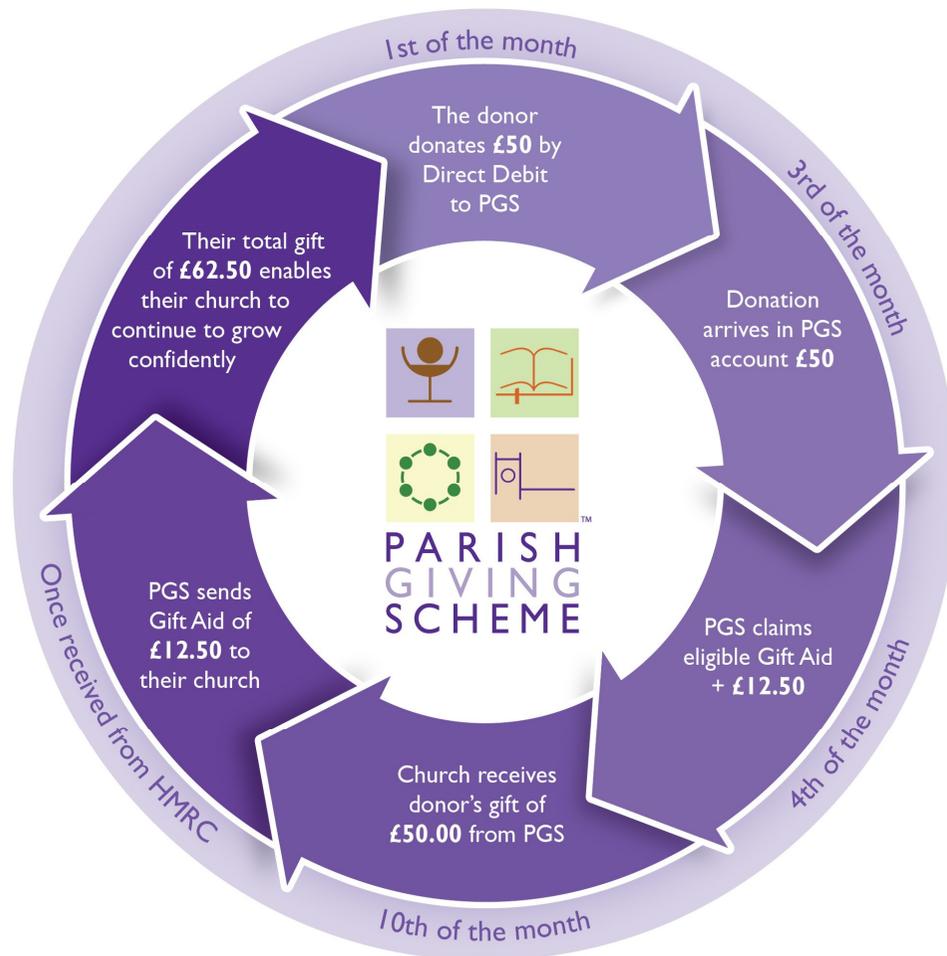
What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) has been set up to help us best manage regular donations. It is run as a partnership between dioceses on a cost sharing basis. It is also possible to donate to our church using a Standing Order or through an Envelope but using the Parish Giving Scheme is our preferred and recommended method for regular planned giving.

How does the Parish Giving Scheme work?

Donations can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis, using a Direct Debit instruction. Even though donations are made to the Parish Giving Scheme, they are restricted to our parish, giving you peace of mind that your gift cannot be used elsewhere. Unlike a utility bill you are always in charge of what you give.

The chart below explains how an example donation and associated Gift Aid is passed on to our parish.



What is unique about the Parish Giving Scheme?

The unique feature of this scheme is the option for you to commit in principle to increase your gift annually in line with inflation. Whilst this is a voluntary decision, it is one that could potentially have a huge impact on the life and future of our church.

What are the main benefits of the Parish Giving Scheme?

The main beneficiary of this scheme will be our church. Through your generous commitment, we can be assured of a regular, tax-efficient source of income which has the capacity to increase with the cost of living, yet involves virtually no administration. You will benefit from a system that is secure, confidential and easy to use, while supporting our church today and for the future.



To find out more about the Parish Giving Scheme please take a look at... <https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk/for-donors/>