

The Church of England in St Mary's Sixpenny Handley, Gussage St Andrew and St Rumbold's Pentridge

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CHURCH GIVING APPEAL

HOW CAN I SUPPORT OUR CHURCHES FINANCIALLY - AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME?
Contact our new support email address for details:
support@handleychurch.org.uk



There's an old joke about passengers in an aeroplane that is about to crash turning to the priest who happened to be on board and saying. Father please, please do something religious to save us - so he took off his hat and passed it around!

Well we are not about to crash but it's time for me to do that!

Dear Friends

Many of you will not know much about our local Churches are financed. Surprisingly local Churches receive no direct funding from the Church of England (CofE). They provide the vicar but we are expected to contribute substantially to that cost every year depending on the number of people who attend church regularly. For St Mary's that cost last year and this was £17,000 and that is expected to go up next year. Last year St Mary's needed around £18,000 just to maintain the church, keep it open and pay things like insurance and utility bills. In 2019 through the kind generosity of parishioners, events and grants we collected almost £40,000 so we were able to pay our contribution to the CofE or the 'Share' as it is called to help to pay for the vicar. This year with the current crisis as people are not able to attend church, we expect our income to drop by almost half to around £20,000. Clearly we need to encourage people to give in other ways. For example if you were in the habit of giving say £1 to the collection plate on a Sunday that is perhaps £52 that we will not have this year, to pay the bills we face. Whilst we appreciate that many of you will be facing financial hardships at this time and there are many other worthwhile causes, if you can, please consider helping your Church to pay its way in 2020. **All best wishes, Richard.**

Please note that all the ways of helping us financially listed below apply only to St Mary's and St Andrew's: as they are a combined PCC and bank account.

If you wish to help St Rumbold's please contact their Treasurer direct:

Richard Ferguson richardspencer.ferguson@googlemail.com

For all three Churches please consider using Gift Aid if you qualify, as that boosts our income at no cost to you.

HOW TO HELP – WAYS OF BEING INVOLVED AND GIVING!



Signing a cheque for St Mary's or St Andrew's? – please make it payable to:

'PCC Sixpenny Handley' and send it to Church Treasurer, 37 The High Street, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury SP5 5NR.



If you give to St Mary's or St Andrew's regularly: Please consider using the **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**. It's a free service for you and us. You can get an application form or chat about how it works, contact Mike Dyer on 01725 552161. **Or if you are ready to sign up, please speak with them direct on 0333 002 1271.** One of their administrators will take you through the sign up process - this normally takes around 15 minutes. You will need to have the following information to hand: *Personal bank account details. Our parish name: St Mary's and St Andrew's, Sixpenny Handley. You will need to confirm that you are eligible for Gift Aid or not AND importantly you will need the PGS code for St Mary's and St Andrew's Parish, which is 340634213.*



DO YOU SHOP ONLINE?

Raise free donations for our Churches, every time you shop online with **easyfundraising!** It's really simple, just go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sixpennyhandleychurch/> and join for free. Once there you select the shop you want and then it's automatic. When you check out, the Church gets a donation for free. The shops and sites give a small percentage of what you spend as a donation, it's that easy. There are no catches or hidden charges and St Mary's and St Andrew's will be really grateful for your donations. **Thank you!**

Direct Bank Transfer: *If you would like to transfer money directly to our bank account with no charges please ring our Treasurer on 01725 516258 to obtain our bank details. Please add a note agreeing to gift aid your donation.*

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If you would like to give to us by credit or debit card, PayPal, as well as other means, please click here:

<https://www.goldengiving.com/charity/st-marys-st-andrews-churches-sixpenny-handley>

Wi-Fi Project Special Appeal: The COVID - 19 crises has introduced our Church to the use of the internet and social media as never before, which has made us realise the advantage of having Wi-Fi installed into the Church.

We are looking at ways of doing this but some cost will be involved. **If you would like to donate to this worthwhile project please contact Mike Dyer on 017255 552161 to discuss how you could help.**

Questions: New Financial Support hotlink for St Mary's and St Andrew's
email: support@handleychurch.org.uk

If you have a notice for, or would like to receive this Notice Sheet as an email please contact notices@handleychurch.org.uk

Please take this sheet home to remind you of the week's events and to help you in your prayers and Bible reading.

If you are a UK taxpayer please be sure to giftaid any donation so that we can claim back from HMRC tax paid, at no cost to you.