



# Giving for Growth

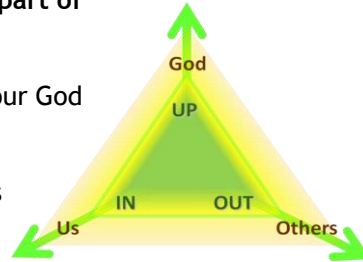
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Update Winter 2011-12

At Christ Church, we are on an exciting journey of growth together! Here's an update on our future plans and how to be part of them by giving money and time towards them...

Our aim is to follow Jesus' teaching: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength... and love your neighbour as yourself.'

To do this, we want to **grow** in 3 directions... Upwards (our love for God), Inwards (closer together) and Outwards (sharing God's love with our community).



Through **listening to God** and planning wisely, we hope to grow significantly in these ways year-on-year -e.g. by employing full-time leaders for **youth and children** in our church and community and supporting TearFund in Cambodia.

An important way of showing our love for God and for others is through giving **time and money**. Many of us give both of these -thank you! Giving enables future growth. It also builds our own faith. Everybody's circumstances are different -including their income, use of time and the importance of God in their lives. The Bible encourages us to give proportionally to what we have. When times are hard for some, this gives a special responsibility to those of us with steady incomes from jobs or pensions or with extra time to give.

**Money:** It is important for all of us to regularly review what we are prepared to commit out of what we've been given. A free booklet, 'What's your X Factor?' has been written locally to help us with this. Please read it.

**1 in 7** Christ Church households give over **£20** per week. They contribute **75%** of our total giving

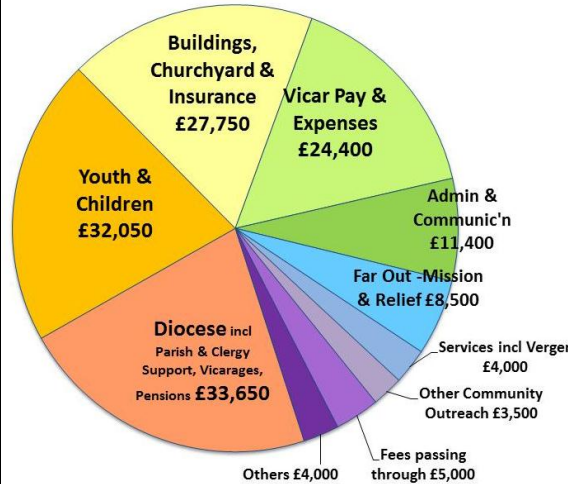
The charts overleaf show our expected regular income and planned expenditure for 2012. They show that if we want to continue to grow -particularly our youth work, in the years ahead, we have a **giving gap** to fill in our regular income.

Currently we are heavily reliant on the generous giving by a few to take forward our vision. All one-off gifts and legacies are very welcome, but regular planned giving helps us plan ahead - especially when people's jobs depend on it.

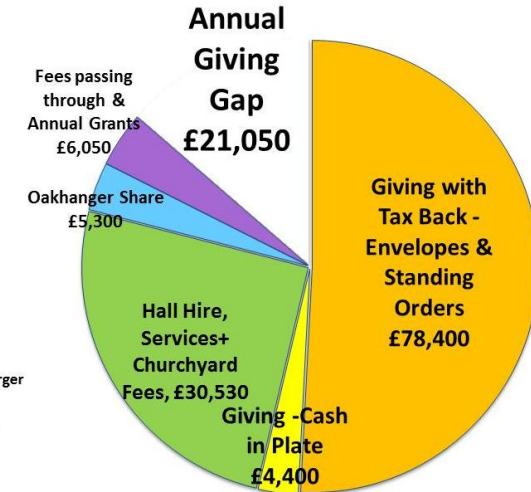
**Time:** As well as giving money, we can also give time as an expression of our worship for God and our love for others. It's just as important. Over 100 hours are freely given by church members each week - it's how we can do so much for so many of all ages! This year, we are encouraging us all to review our giving of time alongside our financial giving.

Each of us has time and money. Part of loving God, loving others and growing as Christians is about how we spend the time and money we've been given. Please do pray and consider your response. Please do also pray regularly for our church. If you would like more information -just ask. **Thank you.**

Expected Expenditure 2012  
(Total: £155,000)



Expected Income 2012  
(based on 2011 giving)



## We are very grateful for all gifts received.

It helps us to plan if we know we can rely on your gift and also if you review the amount you give annually. However, we also know that circumstances change and you are free to change your standing order at any time by telling your bank.

The amounts individuals give are kept confidential to the Covenants Officer and Treasurer. No-one else knows -including the Vicar.

Once again: Thank you!

## Please now complete the form opposite on both sides.

**Giving Time**  
If you would like to give more of your time, then please use the separate response form. Thank you.



# My Financial Response

**1: Please complete this page and put it in the box in the church porch or return it to the church's Covenants Officer. Thank you.**

Geoff Chatterley, 7 Davis Close, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 2YP. Tel 883180

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- I/We would like to start giving regularly to Christ Church to enable growth  
£\_\_\_\_\_ per month *(please also complete the Standing Order Form)*
- I/We already give regularly to Christ Church, but would like to change my/our  
giving to £\_\_\_\_\_ per month *(please also complete the Standing Order Form)*
- I/We would like to give a one-off contribution of £\_\_\_\_\_   
*Please make cheques payable to 'The PCC of Christ Church Alsager' and also  
complete the Gift Aid declaration overleaf*
- I/We would like to begin giving regularly, but would prefer to use weekly  
envelopes rather than Standing Orders. Please can you contact me on  
telephone no: \_\_\_\_\_

Any particular instructions (e.g. to designate part of your gift for youth work)...

## Gift Aid Declaration

Please complete this part if you are a taxpayer. This allows us to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations, currently, now 25p in the pound.

Full Name: .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Phone:.....

I want Christ Church to recover tax on all donations I make to them. I will tell the church if I become a non-tax payer. I will tell the church if I don't pay an amount of tax that at least equals the tax deducted from the donations that I have made.

Signed: ..... Date:.....



# Christ Church Standing Order Form

**2: If you want to give by Standing Order, then please also send this part to your bank (or set up online)...**

Please pay 'Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Alsager' at Nat West Bank,  
2 Crewe Road, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 2ER  
Account No: 91484669 Sort Code: 60-01-12

The sum of £..... (..... pounds)  
commencing on the ..... day of ..... 20.....  
and a like sum every month until further notice.

*Delete if n/a:* This is to replace my existing standing order to the above payee

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Account Name: .....

Sort Code: ..... Account No: .....



# Giving Time

## Response Form

Please read with our 'Giving for Growth' leaflet...

Giving time is an exciting and important part of showing our love for God and our love for our neighbours. It helps us grow Up, In and Out -both as a church and as individual Christians. The priorities we set on our time reflect our priorities in life.

It is wonderful that so much time is freely and generously given by many people at Christ Church -thank you! It's why we can provide so many great activities and ministries as a church for young and old. Time given is not a substitute for either prayer or money, but it is essential for growth. We have exciting plans for sharing more of God's love with our community, but it will take more time.

Each one of us is responsible for reviewing and deciding how we spend our time throughout our lives. As part of that, we would encourage you to pray about whether it is right for you to give more (or less) time to roles within the church - serving God and serving others alongside other members of the body of Christ.

- Please do pray and review how much time you give to the church.
- Please don't wait until you're asked!
- Please do either fill in the form below or talk to a leader in the church about what you could offer.

Thank you!

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### Giving Time

I would like to give an extra \_\_\_\_\_ hours/days per week/month

I would particularly like to get involved in...

(e.g. youth work, pastoral care, children's work, visiting, welcoming, music, drama, taking part in services, schools work, maintenance... or anything going!)

Any other comments (eg a particular skill you have or time you can offer)...

Please fill in & place in the response box or collection basket. **Thank you!**