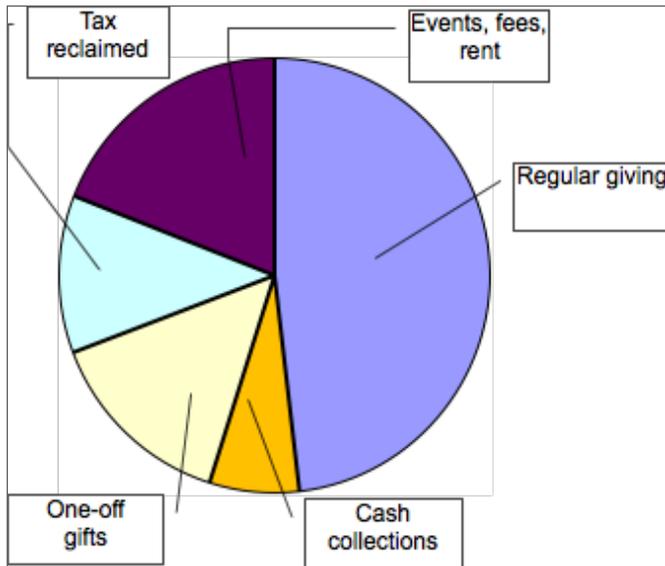


**Q7 How do we obtain our Parish income?**



Regular giving is just below 50% of our annual income. The chart above clearly shows how important tax reclamation through Gift Aid is to the parish. We are still dependent on one-off gifts and fundraising activities which may not continue to the same level year on year. We must strive to increase regular giving so that it reaches 70-75% of all parish income.

**Q8 Does the Church of England provide any guidance on how much I should give?**

The General Synod challenges church members to give 5% of their income (after tax) to and through the church, with a similar amount to other work that helps to build God's kingdom.

In the Winchester Diocese we currently give an average of £11.40 a week to the Church. This equates to about 3.4% of our average income levels.

To reach the 5% target, means **increasing our giving to an average of £16.75 a week.**

*Whatever your situation, please prayerfully reflect on the words of St Paul as he encouraged the church in Corinth to give:*

**This is a ministry for everyone - "each according to your means" 2 Corinthians 8: 11**

**Q9 If I give a percentage of my income to the parish what might that look like?**

The chart below illustrates a weekly donation after tax at 10%, 5% and 1%.

Annual Income Before Tax	Weekly Donation After Tax		
	10%	5%	1%
£10,000	£18	£9	£2
£20,000	£31	£16	£3
£40,000	£57	£29	£6
£80,000	£102	£51	£10

**Q10 Why is giving important?**

**Your giving...**

- **Gives thanks:** Gives thanks for everything with which God has blessed you. Do this regularly, as the more often we give thanks, the more we realise how much we've been given.
- **Is generous:** Whatever your income please think about giving at least 5% after tax. Our giving to the church will not only help sustain our participation in God's mission, it is also our personal response to God's overwhelming generosity. Review your giving in other areas, such as time or hospitality.
- **Reflects you:** Be involved. Spend time praying for the work of this our parish and the wider Diocese. Keep up to date with what we are doing so your prayers and your giving are properly informed.

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**Q1 How does my giving make a difference?**

Your giving makes a difference and transforms lives! The following are examples of how your generosity enables mission to happen in our parish...



The Lighthouse is our Children's Ministry on Sundays running at St Lawrence, Church of the Holy Rood & Alton Methodist Church. We have many children and families now exploring faith in Jesus and there is always room for more.



Debbie Thrower, Helen Jesty & Jon Rooke are our Anna Chaplains who provide an exciting pioneering ministry among the older people of our community. It is a growing flourishing part of our partnership with Alton Methodist Church.



The Covenant Youth Choir is a very active youth activity provided by the parish - here they are performing at The Church of the Holy Rood. Encouraging young people in the faith and church life is very important to us.

## Q2 How do I know if I'm giving generously?

Generous giving...

- Is in the context of your income
- Has an impact on your lifestyle
- Has an element of sacrifice
- Is a priority
- If given back to you, would make a real difference to you

## Q3 Why are regular donations so important to the Parish?

Regular giving...

- Helps the parish to budget more effectively
- Helps the parish to confidently plan ahead
- Is the most cost-effective way to support the parish
- Demonstrates your commitment to building God's kingdom

**On the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income.**

1 Corinthians 16:2

## Q4 How should I give regularly?

Our parish is registered with The Parish Giving Scheme **and we strongly recommend donating through it.**

If this is not for you, then you can donate by envelope or please discuss other methods with us.

## Q5 What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

The Parish Giving Scheme is a mechanism set up to help manage regular donations

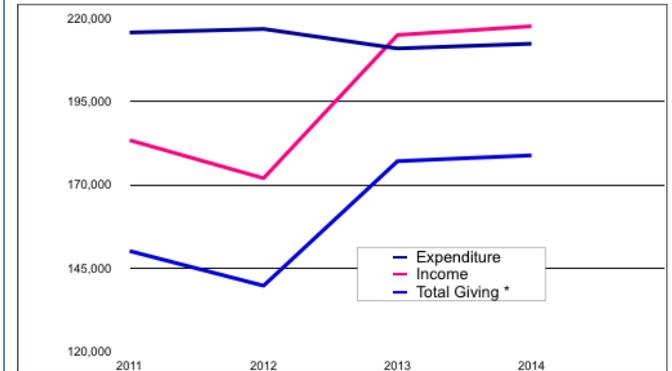
- Donations are made using a Direct Debit instruction
- You are always in charge of what you give
- Any Gift Aid plus your donation is automatically passed back to the parish within ten days of collection
- You can choose to automatically increase your gift annually in line with inflation

*It is secure, confidential and easy to use, supporting the*



## Q6 Have we controlled Parish expenditure?

Yes we have. There has been a reduction in the amount we make to the Diocesan Common Mission Fund (Parish Share) and we have been assessing our expenditure as a regular procedure. The difference between regular giving and overall income is fairly constant as can be seen the graph below.



There is work to be done. If we are to provide more intentional mission activities then we need to raise our income and not be so reliant on fundraising to sustain and increase our potential. Therefore the main way of raising our income is to increase regular giving.

