

Why is keeping track of inflation so important?

If church giving had kept pace with inflation since the year 2010, look how it would have increased:

Year	2000	2005	2010	2015
Gift	£50.00	£56.69	£65.40	£76.65

The PGS makes it easy for you to agree, in principle, to increase your donation in line with inflation each year. Just tick the box when you get the form. So far, nearly two thirds of PGS donors have opted for this annual increase.

You can be reassured that, if your circumstances change, it is easy to amend the increase when the annual inflationary letter arrives.

Please note that your details will remain confidential, as they are at present, to only the Treasurer or Planned Giving Officer in your local church. However, within the PGS you can choose to remain **totally anonymous**. The PGS have your name and address so they can reclaim the Gift Aid, but these details are not passed on to your local church.

What have other people said about PGS?

“It is a Win Win proposition which helps our treasurer and church”
Frankie, Churchwarden

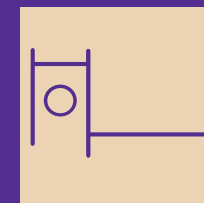
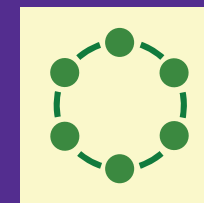
“Simple and reliable” *John, Church Treasurer*

What next

If you would like to find out more about the Parish Giving Scheme, please contact:

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A better way to help your local church



PARISHGIVINGScheme
explained

Why

The Church of England offers a Christian presence in every community, seeking to be at the heart of all our cities, towns and villages; by serving our communities; by sharing our faith and values; by worshipping together and by our wonderful buildings. This valuable contribution to our community has a cost, which is largely met by personal donations. For the Church to survive and grow, we rely on regular donations so that we can plan confidently for the future.

'Money' dominates too many agendas in our Church. We need to tackle this problem head-on, so that we can move forward with confidence. Successfully addressing the Church's need to receive realistic, long term giving from committed Christians is a fundamental part of developing a thriving, outward looking church.

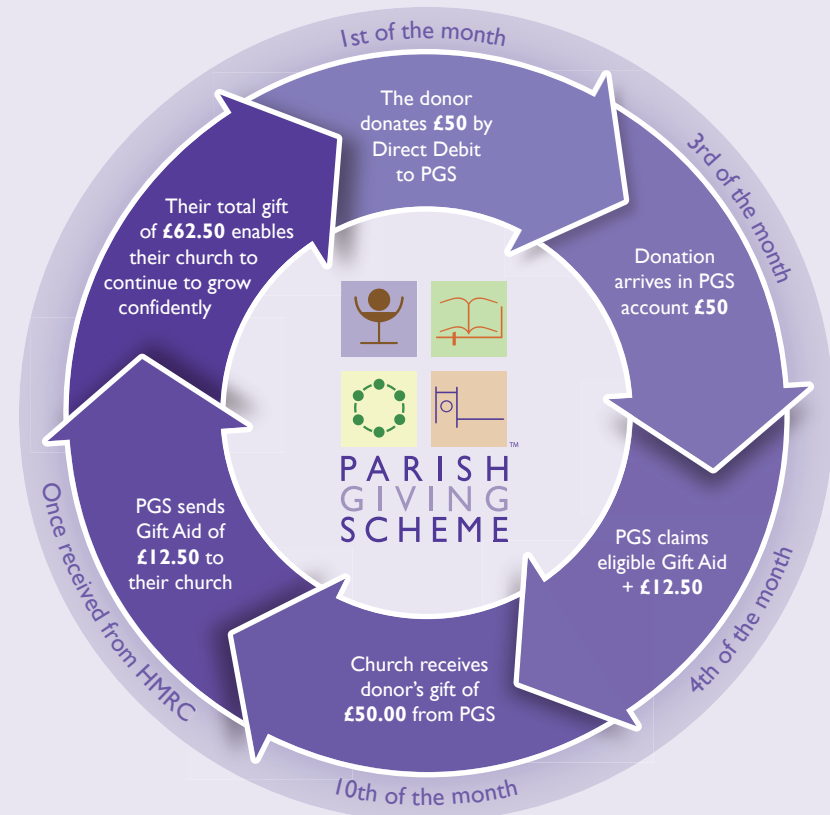
What

The **Parish Giving Scheme** (PGS) is a 21st century solution to offset one of the greatest problems of local church income – 'static' giving. Donations made through PGS use a Direct Debit. This can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. The full donations – plus any associated Gift Aid – come straight back to the local church, thus saving quite a lot of administrative time at local level.

If you tick the 'inflation option', your giving is automatically adjusted each year. So it becomes 'inflation proofed', which in the long run will make a huge difference to local church finances. PGS also makes life easier for your local church's administration team, and improves their cashflow. This will free up their energies to focus on other important church priorities and not be so worried about money.

Your local church council (PCC or DCC) has to sign up your church to the PGS – and then if you would like to join the scheme as a donor, simply ask your Treasurer or Giving Officer for a Gift Form.

How does it work - based on an example of £50 a month



In summary, the PGS

- Collects your donation by Direct Debit
- Claims the Gift Aid entitlement
- Pays the donations into the local church's bank account
- Gift Aid paid as soon as it's received from HMRC
- Offers you a helpline number to call if you have any questions
- Provides the (popular) option to automatically increase your donation each year to keep in line with inflation