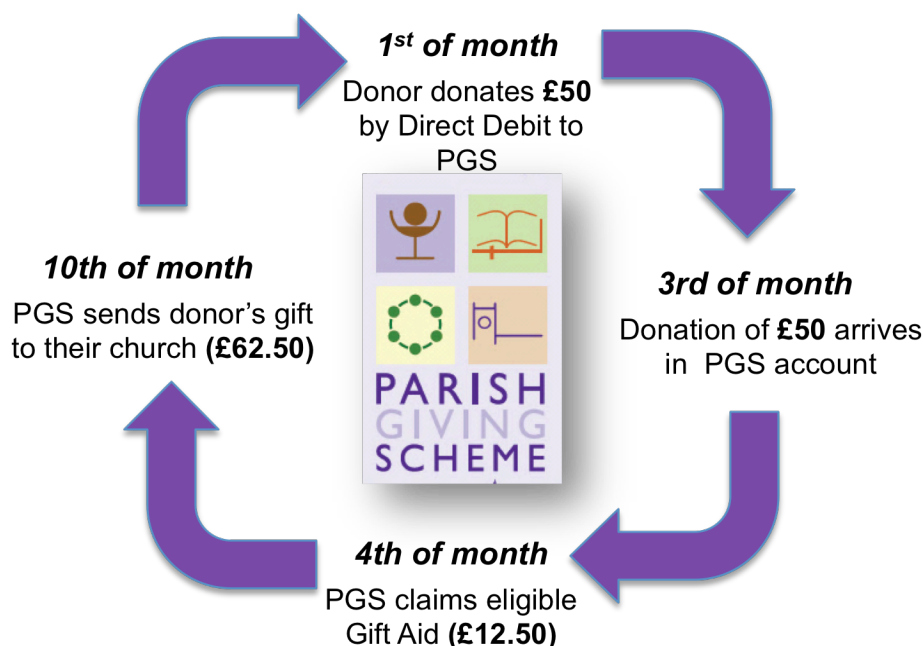


The Parish Giving Scheme was developed to provide a modern solution to offset one of the greatest threats to parish income, that of static giving.

How it works – based on example of initial donation of £50 per month:



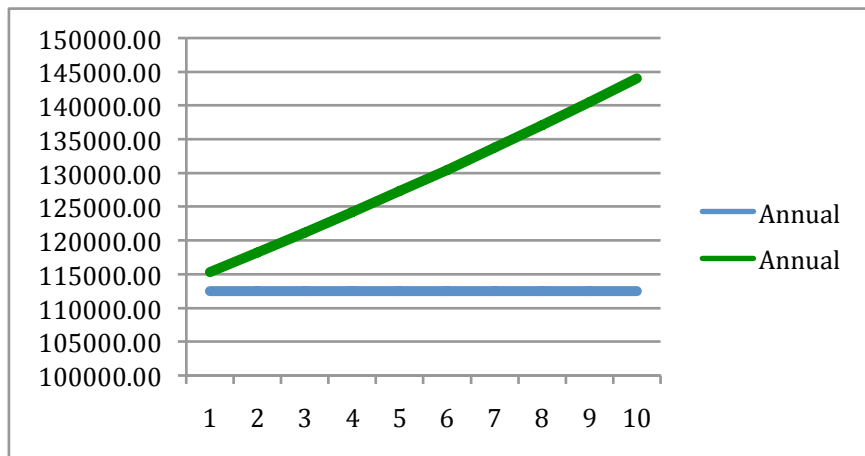
One of the major advantages of the scheme is that there is an option to increase the donation annually by the rate of inflation (or with the donor's preferred figure) with no need for the donor to change instructions to their bank.

Based on the example of a **£50** per month donation, this would produce an annual income (including Gift Aid) of **£750**. The following comparison table shows the difference between maintaining this donation at the same level for 5 years and increasing it by 2.5% per annum (a typical/modest rate of inflation):

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total	Inc.
Without increase	£750	£750	£750	£750	£750	£3,750	£0
With 2.5% p.a. increase	£769	£788	£808	£828	£849	£4,042	£292
Monthly increase	£1.25	£1.28	£1.31	£1.34	£1.38	£6.56	

If the average giving per regular member of our congregation amounted to this figure then it would just cover the annual cost of running the church. If this was increased by a modest 2.5% per annum, over a 5 year period this would produce an extra **£43,600!**

Over a longer period the increased income becomes even more dramatic. The chart shows the annual income figures with and without inflation. The cumulative additional income over this 10 year period amounts to a staggering **£167,000!!** All achieved with modest annual increases in donations.



Apart from the inflation proofing element that this scheme provides there are also several other benefits:

- **Gift Aid administration carried out on our behalf at no cost to us (currently this causes us a considerable amount of work)**
- **Gross donation (inc. G/A) paid into our church current account within 10 days (on monthly cycle)**
- **Considerably improved cash flow**
- **Direct Debit provides greater flexibility (changes much easier to implement than with Standing Orders)**
- **More predictable income stream if majority participate**
- **Option for donor to remain anonymous (within church context)**

All members of St Matthias are asked to prayerfully consider whether they are able to sign up to the scheme.

If you currently give by **Standing Order** then the transition to Direct Debit is very simple.

If you give via the **Weekly Envelope System** then it obviously involves a more substantial change but, as well as greatly benefitting the church, once the Direct Debit is set up it becomes a simpler way of making a regular donation.

If you give via the **Blue Envelopes** or the **Collection Plate** then please consider whether you could convert to this system.

***** PLEASE SEE TREASURER TONY BARRATT TO OBTAIN A DIRECT DEBIT FORM *****