

How does PGS help our church?

PGS not only provides a safe way for you to give to our church, it helps everyone involved.

As a giver, you benefit from:

- Flexibility, retaining control of how much you give, how often and to which church
- Certainty, that this simple giving method is helping our church to receive regular financial support
- Futureproofing, having the option to increase a regular gift annually to protect your gift against inflation
- Anonymity, if preferred
- Security, peace of mind that the Direct Debit Guarantee Scheme protects your regular gifts

Did you know that it's making life simpler for our church treasurer too?

- PGS processes multiple gifts in a single transaction, reducing administration and paperwork
- PGS claims eligible Gift Aid from HMRC on our church's behalf, maximising your gift with no hassle for the treasurer
- Secure access for the treasurer to view our church's monthly and annual statements online
- Saving time, for all those who count the cash given in church

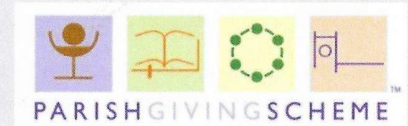
And our church benefits from:

- A trusted mechanism to channel the financial generosity of all givers
- Predictable income that can be dedicated towards our mission and ministry, life and work
- Stable and planned giving makes it possible to plan for the future and to be the church God calls us to be

Scan here, to make a regular or one-off gift to this parish:



Thank you for all you are able to give to support the life and work of our church.



St Mary's, Slough

invites everyone supporting the ministry of this church to give through the Parish Giving Scheme



Introducing the Parish Giving Scheme

The Parish Giving Scheme, or PGS for short, offers secure and simple ways for everyone to give to their chosen church.

Our church, and thousands of others throughout the Church of England, has chosen PGS to help us manage financial gifts from our community, with maximum security and minimum fuss.

Whether you are a member of the community or a visitor, giving regularly as part of your personal discipleship, marking an important life event, or making a contribution to the life and work of your local church, all gifts are vital to the life and ministry of this church in our community, and each gift is deeply appreciated.

What's special about PGS?

The diocese to which this parish belongs is one of more than 30 across the Church of England to become a member of the PGS, which is a registered charity. This means that PGS will always be designed by the Church, for the Church.

Together, we are committed to advancing regular giving in every church, helping to overcome one of the greatest challenges to church income, static giving.

Gifts made through PGS are only given to the specific parish you choose.

“Regular giving is an integral part of not only keeping the lights on in our parishes, but in ensuring the church remains an active part of every community. By using the Parish Giving Scheme, you can be assured that the giving is safe, secure, and deeply appreciated.”

Grant Forrest, Chief Executive of PGS



Setting up a regular gift

There are three secure ways to set up a regular gift by Direct Debit with PGS:

1. online at www.parishgiving.org.uk or by scanning the QR code on this leaflet
2. by telephone on 0333 002 1271
3. or by completing a gift form and posting it to PGS

If you are eligible to claim Gift Aid, it's easy to opt in, and you can also choose to increase your giving annually in line with inflation.

You're always in control

We understand that everyone's circumstances change from time to time, so PGS makes sure it is easy for all regular givers to adjust the value and frequency of their gift, up or down.

Unlike other Direct Debit services, such as utility companies, PGS will never impose a change to your gift value and process it without your consent.

Many givers choose to 'opt in' to an annual increase, and this means they receive a letter from PGS as the anniversary of their gift approaches, detailing what the inflation-linked gift amount will be.

A growing number of PGS givers prefer to manage their gift online, but if you don't have access to the internet, don't worry. The friendly team at PGS HQ in Gloucester is available on the phone too, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm.



Making a one-off gift

A one-off gift is made in a single transaction using a debit or credit card, or with Apple or Google Pay, through the PGS website.

You may be a regular giver, choosing to make an additional one-off gift for a special occasion. If you manage your regular giving online, you can simply log-in securely and follow the instructions on screen to make your one-off gift. You'll then see it on your statement of account.

However, you don't need to have a PGS account, or give regularly, to make a one-off gift – this facility is open to everyone who would like to support our church.

To make a one-off gift to our church, simply visit the PGS website or use your smartphone to scan the QR code on this leaflet, and you'll be guided through the transaction securely in a few short steps.