

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is now supported by nearly all the dioceses in this country and by a large number of the parishes in Peterborough Diocese.

In the past, many people have given regularly to their church through envelopes or by standing order. This involves quite a lot of work for the church treasurer in reconciling planned giving with what is actually donated, and then collating all the records to provide HMRC with the details required for Gift Aid.

The PGS is managed by an independent company based in Gloucester. There are no costs to individual churches that belong to the scheme – all the money donated by you goes to your local church. Giving is made using Direct Debit. Money is paid to the scheme on the first of each month*. PGS reconcile all the giving and make one total payment back to the church account on the 10th of each month. PGS also calculates gift aid amounts and pays these directly into church accounts.

We are very good at starting a support scheme but not so good at updating it at a later date. Just prior to the anniversary of joining the scheme, PGS will contact you and tell you by how much you need to change your giving for it to have the same value as when you started: you are not obliged to make any changes; you can leave it as it was, increase it, decrease it or stop it altogether – you remain in control. Should you wish to make any changes at any time, you can either email or telephone PGS.

If you would like to join this scheme, or you would like more details before making a decision, please contact Lesley Hunter by email – warden2@holcot-church.org.uk

* The majority of people give through the PGS on a monthly basis, but there are options for quarterly and annual giving as well.