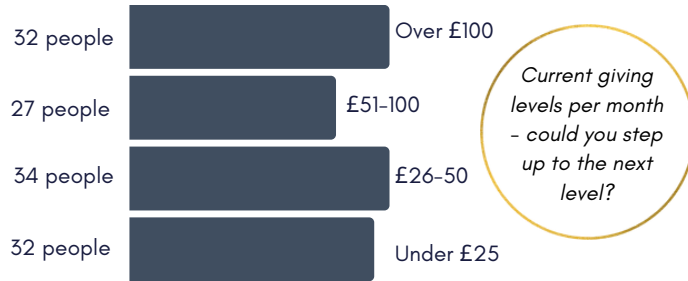


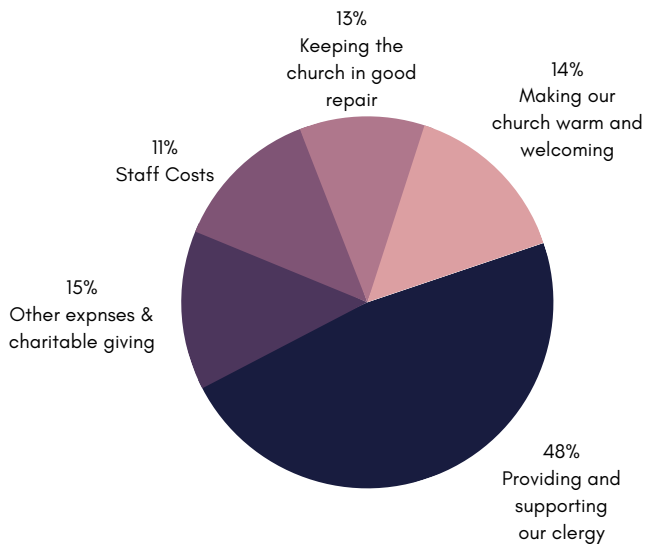
# Facts and figures

It can be helpful to gain a picture of what our collective giving looks like within our church. These are our current giving levels:



*\*Giving excludes Gift Aid (where applicable)*

It can be helpful to know how our gifts are used. At St John's, for every £50 we receive we distribute to the following:



Please pray and reflect on the information in this leaflet, reviewing your contributions that keep our church fulfilling God's mission in our community.

**Thank you for all you are able to give.**

*Giving God,  
We receive so much from you, and therefore have much to give. Help us to share in the blessings of giving as well as the happiness of receiving, that your love may be more widely shared through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*



# Regular Giving to St John's

Supporting the life and mission of St John's Parish

## Why we need your support

**Regular giving from individuals like yourself is the primary way in which St John's resources itself** - we receive no government or Church of England income.

Gifts from our community and supporters are vital to our church's life and work, as we continue to serve those around us and safeguard the legacy of faith, music and worship which we have inherited.

Regular committed giving helps us to plan financially and to grow our church both now and in the future.

It is a joy that our giving enables so much in the life and work of our church, including:

Baptisms, weddings, funerals  
Prayer  
Tea@3  
Regular worship  
Home Visits  
Pastoral Care  
Junior & Mini Church  
Working with local schools  
Welcoming spaces  
Faith & Light  
Toddler Service  
Choir & Music  
Bible study groups  
Little Acorns  
Online presence  
Youth Work  
Eco Church

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*All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.  
1 Chronicles 29.14*

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## Sharing our gifts Generously

As Christians, we believe that all we **have** and all we **are** is a gift from God. We are all blessed in a variety of ways, and we are called to bless others - giving of ourselves as an outpouring of love to support our local communities.

At St John's, we seek not just to maintain and adapt our historic building for modern use, but also reach out and find new ways to serve our community. At our current levels of giving we are finding this hard to do.

Can you help us to ensure that more people can benefit from the life and work of the church here, both now and the future? Your gifts will help us plan for the future, and respond to the needs of our local community.



## Regular Giving to St John's

A monthly gift by direct debit is the most effective way to give to the life and work of St John's, especially through ways which reduce administration for our parish. It helps us to fund our mission, and to budget and use resources wisely. We are very grateful for **all** donations, small or large - thank you.



The **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)** is a mechanism for regular giving, which we encourage you to transfer to. Once you have decided on your gift amount, you can set up your regular gift to St John's either:



**Online**

Visit [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)



**By phone**

Call **0333 002 1271**

Please quote our parish code **320632244**

Alternatively, please ask for a paper gift form.

## Standing Order

If you would prefer to manage your giving through Standing Order, please contact our Giving Officer, Alison Bygrave  
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