

All good gifts around us...



Every good and perfect
gift is from above.

James 1:17

Bring the whole tithe
into the storehouse,
so that there may be
food in My house, and
test Me now in this,"
says the Lord of hosts,
"if I will not open for
you the windows of
heaven and pour out
for you a blessing
until it overflows."

Malachi 3:10

Message from our Churchwardens and Associate Vicars

We are truly blessed in St Mary's and the Heath Church thanks to the many people who give so willingly and generously of their time, skills and finances; but there is much more to be done. Please, as a member of this church family, do read, pray and respond to God's amazing love and provision for us as we continue on our journey to build a community to reach a community here in Reigate and beyond, with the love of God.

Lynwen and Tim
Church Wardens

Helen and Kate
Associate Vicars

...Are sent from heaven above...

Over the past year God has blessed us as a church family as we prepare to celebrate the final element of our Community Building Project with a wonderfully refurbished organ. God's faithfulness to us during the vacancy has seen our Holiday Club grow, our Children's, Youth work and Life Groups flourish. God blesses us in many ways – personally, in our own families, within our St Mary's and Heath church family and across the community we serve.



100 people attended Holiday @ Home and over **200** children attended our Holiday Club in 2017.



More than **350** individuals attend groups in the week, such as Jigsaw for women, Men's Ministry events, weekday bible studies and our Life Groups. Over **400** children and youth attend our weekly groups throughout the school year.



Around **70** hot meals are served at our weekly Easter Project to vulnerable people in our community. **7,500** meals were served at our Church Centre during the year.



3 overseas building projects and **6** long term mission partners are supported by St Mary's Global as well as many short term projects and trips.

...Then thank the Lord for all his love.

Help us to grow our ministry and reach out even further with the love of God. With the appointment of our new vicar we are excitedly looking forward to:

- spreading God's love into and across our local community
- investing further in our youth and children's work
- supporting less well-off churches in our diocese
- assisting mission partners and projects here and overseas.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

Where does our money go?

2018 budget	£'000
Church buildings, housing and administration	110
Youth and children's work	80
Church community events and Centre costs	104
Global outreach	45
Church worship, evangelism and discipleship	52
Provision and support of parish clergy	101
Support for wider diocesan ministry	60
Support for other parishes in the diocese	83
<u>Total expenditure</u>	<u>635</u>

Where does our money come from?

	£'000
Giving, including budgeted increase	432
Gift Aid tax Recovery	96
Fees, Activity income and rents	107
<u>Total income</u>	<u>635</u>

We are a large and lively parish with an active mission and ministry all of which needs financing. It is you – the generosity of our church members – which makes it possible. However, we do rely heavily on a relatively small number of donors who provide a high proportion of our income. **In fact 18 out of 283 donors contribute one third of our giving.**

Give generously as God gives to us

Giving is our grateful response to what God has given us. Many Christians aim to give 10% of their income away – this biblical tradition is known as tithing and has been practised through the generations. Some can give only a few pounds a month while many others can commit to hundreds. Whatever the amount we decide upon we should give wisely and with a generous heart.

Pledge for 2018

Our budgeted expenditure for 2018 is £635,000. A summary of how we spend this money is on the previous page which includes some new expenditure we wish to incur to extend our activities. To meet this cost, we need to increase our giving and everyone needs to contribute generously.

As in previous years this may seem a big challenge, especially as this coming year we wish to finish paying for our Community Building Project which has resulted in our reordered church, our wonderful Church Centre, support for our overseas mission projects and the restoration of our church organ. However, as we have seen, with God, nothing is impossible, and with his help and your generosity it can be done.

Please pray and consider carefully what you can give in 2018. I hope you will complete the pledge form with this leaflet, to indicate what you are able to give, and either bring the form to our service of commitment on 28 January 2018 or put the form in the box in the back of church or send it to the Parish Office marked for the attention of the Treasurer.

If you are starting or changing a Standing Order, please also notify your bank.

I will be very happy to answer any questions you may have on the budget, or provide you with a copy of the detailed budget.

Many thanks in advance for your response.

Alastair Rubie, Church Treasurer