

Together we can bridge the gap!

£20,000 is a significant sum, but raising it can be shared between us all, according to our means and the figure we sense represents a gift honouring to God. Divided equally it equates to roughly £80 per individual adult member of our congregations, but the table below breaks the challenge down and shows another way in which it can be achieved so that those that can afford to give more can support those whose no less generous gift is smaller. When considered in this way the numbers are far less forbidding!

The Giving Tree

No of Donations	Gift of £	Including Gift Aid	Parish Receives £
2	£1000	£1250	£2500
6	£500	£625	£3750
10	£250	£313	£3125
60	£100	£125	£7500
50	£50	£63	£3125
10	£25	£31	£313
			£20,313

How to respond

Please Pray and reflect. All Christian giving is a response to God – to His love. “We love because he first loved us”.

Giving is itself an act of worship, part of our whole life response to the generosity and goodness of God, remembering the gift of Jesus at Christmas.

Please then complete the enclosed response slip and send to Geoff Martin (in confidence) by Sunday 2 December. There will be posting boxes at the back of both churches. Thank you.



Contact Us

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to

Alistair Morgan
(Treasurer)

Andrew Culshaw
(Asst Treasurer)

Robert Fox (Warden)

Margaret Morris
(Warden)

Geoff Martin
(Gift Aid Secretary)

or any PCC member.

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Parish of Haslemere
St Bartholomew's & St Christopher's

Advent Gift Day
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We are approaching Advent once again, the Church's New Year, the season when we get ready to celebrate God's gift of his son to the world. At this time of planning, present buying and preparation, we are inviting all members of the congregation to remember the reason for all this activity – that God so loved the world – and to respond by making a New Year gift to the Church on Advent Sunday.

We had hoped that our regular giving would have increased significantly during the course of the year, but that was not to be. Our giving has increased by just c£4,000, not the £30,000 we had hoped for to support the ongoing work of our church, to maintain our buildings and to avoid annual Gift Days!

Stewardship is something we will need to come back to in 2019, but in the meantime we are asking all who read this to contribute as generously as last year so that we can enter the New Year on a sound financial footing.

The Rector and the Wardens

Finance at a glance

2018 Income

Your Giving	£143,000
Haslemere RE Fund	£32,000
Rentals	£19,000
Other	£11,000
TOTAL income	£205,000

2018 Expenditure

Parish Share	£90,000
Buildings	£62,500
Youth and Children	£40,000
Staff Costs	£27,000
Office and other	£12,500
Outward Giving 4%	£6,000
TOTAL Outgoings	£238,000

SHORTFALL

From legacies:	£13,000
Target for Gift Day :	£20,000



To live out our vision to be Together in Christ, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love, we have lots to do in 2019 and beyond.

Recruit a new Rector—prospective candidates will consider the parish's financial position when they apply.

Keep St Bartholomew's and St Christopher's in working and welcoming condition— more big bills expected!

Continue and develop our mission to the community— local schools, refugee families, fellowship activities for all ages and stages.

Counting our Blessings in 2018

A new flagpole and re-gilded cross atop St Christopher's at a cost of £10,000 was fully funded by generous donations from local businesses and individuals.

Increased funding for Youth and Children's work – the Haslemere Religious Education Fund is an independent charity which owns the old school building in Chestnut Avenue. We are extremely fortunate to be the beneficiary of this charity which this year increased its donation to £32,000, covering 80% of our costs and next year this will increase to £34,000.

46 parishioner's moved to the new **Parish Giving Scheme**, with the majority choosing to index-link their giving.

Supporting current and future clergy – our **Parish Share remained unchanged** at £90,000 and will remain at this level in 2019 – many parishes have seen large increases as the Diocese moves to a new method for allocating the costs of clergy, their housing and training as well as diocesan administration.

Using legacies to care for our buildings – **money left by parishioners** has allowed us to undertake major roofing work at St Christopher's, stonework repairs to the Link and improvements to the Prayer Chapel at St Bartholomew's.

We are grateful to the **Friends of Haslemere Parish** who paid for the **new pew runners** at St Bartholomew's.

Looking forward to 2019 and beyond we aim to maintain our buildings to their current high standard. This will include £25,000 of repairs identified in our recent buildings survey, the replacement of the life expired boiler at St Bartholomew's, refurbishing the organ at St Christopher's, and bringing the Link up to a good and lettable standard. The list will doubtless go on, as will the calls on your generosity...