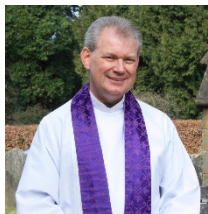




Parish Appeal 2026



Welcome to our Parish Appeal. I would be pleased if you would take a little while to read through this leaflet and to hold its request in your prayers. These few pages tell the story of how our parish strives to flourish and grow in the name of Jesus Christ, who leads our ministry spiritually and in service to the local people.

Since my arrival in the parish in 2019, it has been our vision to offer a generous ministry for all ages and stages of life. You will often hear me speak of our relationships across the town and the good reputation we hold as being so fruitful and charitable. I'm reminded of St Paul words to the Corinthians about God's generosity towards us and His church: *'And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.'*

We seek to be best churches we can for all the people of Haslemere.

This leaflet sets out a new Parish Appeal, our first since 2022. Across those years we have received the support of so many, both in their financial gifts and the time and talents they bring. I am so grateful for all which is given for our worship to God and service to the parish. Thank you!

We have seen growth in many areas of our ministry, leading to a flourishing of new worshippers and leaders. At the same time, we see the changes as people move away for retirement or family changes. Sadly, we occasionally have to say goodbye to some dearly beloved faithful at the end of the lives.

As a parish we are a charity responsible for our own finances. We receive no central funding for ministry, mission or maintenance. It is only by the grace of God and the generosity of parishioners that we can offer our ministry in Christ name. Every few years it is sensible for us to invite those new to our congregations, and those long established, to consider their financial support.

Please read this leaflet as you consider how you would like to begin, or continue your regular support for the ministry of our parish.

Our Ministry to the Town

It is our privilege to serve Haslemere in the service of Christ.

At the centre of our parish life has to be the worship of our loving and generous Father God. All we have finds its place in Him. In recent years we have seen continual growth, in our great festivals, but also our weekly gathered services remain strong. We seek to grow across all ages.

The **Pastoral Ministry** of the parish is at a very high point, with the well-established Pop-In Coffee Morning and the Hearing Champions, plus over 20 parish visitors and a strong care home team visiting four locations monthly.

Children and Families work has expanded, with a full team and the addition of an improved link to St Bartholomew's school. The older youth groups have grown, with the creation of the Summit youth group (13+). We expect to increase further still with a greater focus on **baptism families and pre-school.**

Our wide ministry brings opportunities for people to serve in response to their faith. The parish supports discipleship and teaching for everyone. We are pleased to have **two potential new ministers** training, who will add to our leadership.



Outreach into the community is where the town expects the church to be. The Link Community Hub is an important part of that, alongside our presence in the civic, commercial and educational life of Haslemere. We host many events in partnership with local charities, raising around £10,000 annually.

Sustaining our **choral tradition** remains central to our worship. The **Junior and Youth Choirs**, begun in 2022 are well established. We are pleased to have a talented organ scholar, and the chance to host choral events and concerts.

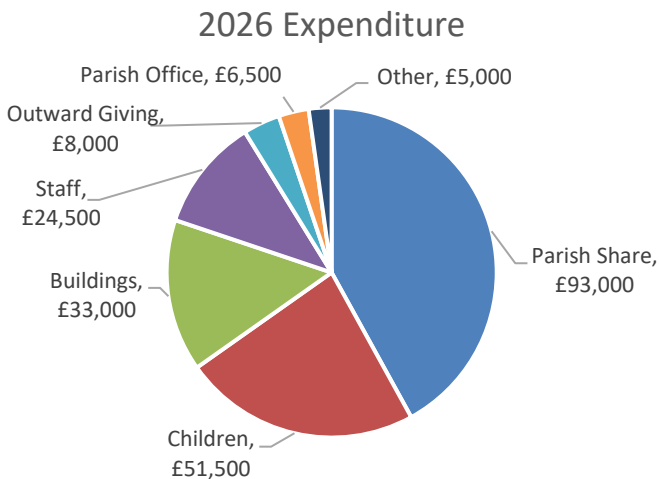
Developing and caring for **our buildings** is a constant challenge, sometimes leading to significant costs. We are blessed with excellent facilities for our worship, ministry, and for hosting the wider parish community.

Since 2019 we have been able to create many new ministries. We use our financial resources and assets well, inspiring new leaders and reaching further into the town.

All we receive in support from our generous givers remains dedicated to the ministry of the church.

How do we use our income?

This is how your money will be spent this year:



The **Parish Share** is paid to the Diocese for which we receive a paid Rector, their housing, the training of the next generation of clergy and support in areas such as Safeguarding.

Most of our **Children's and Youth work** is paid for by the Haslemere RE Fund an independent charity which owns the old school in Chestnut Avenue.

Our **Buildings** are carefully maintained to keep them in good condition. With the Link Community Hub now complete, some works are underway.

Your part in achieving our Vision

Our success depends on many contributions - your time, your talents and your financial support. As we look ahead into 2022 we are asking our congregation to review their giving and those who don't already give on a regular basis to consider doing so. You may wish to consider whether your giving has kept up with inflation or how it compares with your other spending.

Did you know?

You can increase or decrease your giving at any time to take account of changes in your circumstances

FREE MONEY!

For every £100 given by a UK tax payer, the church receives £125!

Claim a TAX REFUND!

£125 received by the church costs a higher rate taxpayer just £75! Don't forget to put your donations on your Tax Return!

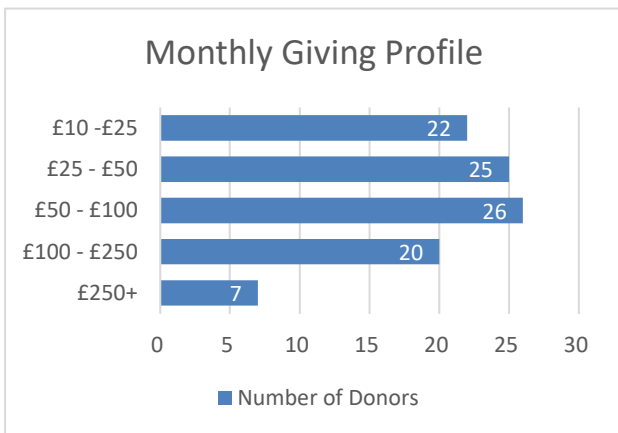
Inflation!

If everyone had increased their giving in line with inflation over the past 10 years we would have an annual surplus of c£30,000!

Without increased giving our day-to-day expenditure will exceed income by £19,000 in 2026

Regular monthly giving, directly from your bank, is the most efficient way to give. The **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)** is the preferred way to do this as it is simple to administer, speeds up tax recovery and allows you to link your giving to the Retail Price Index if you wish. Your giving is known only to Geoff Martin, the Planned Giving Secretary, who can also provide advice and guidance.

How much should I give?



Everyone's situation is different. You may want to consider what proportion of your expenditure you put aside for the work of the church, or how it compares with other items of your expenditure. **We need new donors as well as increases in giving from existing donors.**

What next?

You may wish to watch the Rector's Appeal Video at haslemereparish.org/appeal.

If you are a New Giver: please join the PGS by visiting: haslemereparish.org/pgs, or phone 0333 002 1271. Please do not ask to be anonymous as we won't know who our supporters are! Your giving will be confidential to the Regular Giving Officer (Geoff Martin).

If you are an existing PGS Giver – and would like to increase your giving or index-link it, please call PGS at 0333 002 1260.

If you give by Standing Order – you may wish to convert the Parish Giver Scheme or update your Standing Order with your bank. Ask Geoff Martin for a form at martin_g6@sky.com or 01428 641907.

To let us know you would like a chat before deciding – please go to haslemereparish.org/appeal and select that option, or drop the form into the Parish Office.

Thank you!