

FACTS & FIGURES

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

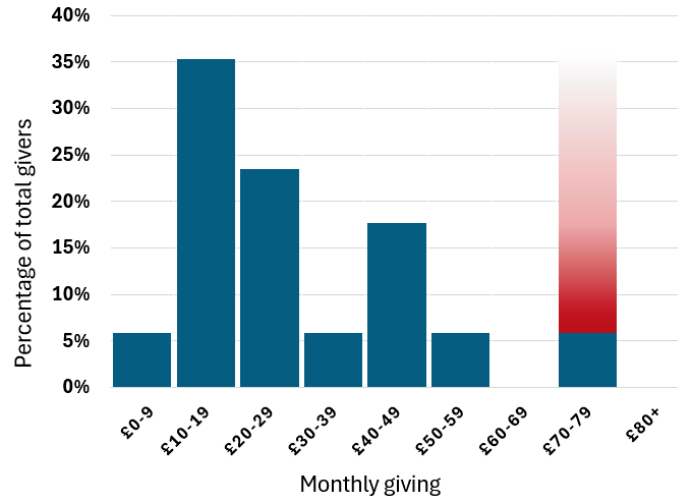
A SEASON OF GENEROSITY

At present, the income from St Michael's does not fully cover our costs. This situation needs to change to ensure our future.

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a great system for planned giving, which we strongly encourage you to be a part of. Simply visit www.parishgiving.org.uk or phone **0333 002 1271** to join and quote our parish code: **151501252**



What does our current monthly giving look like?



Supporting the life and mission of St Michael's, Colyford



St Michael's
average monthly
giving

£27.60

Church of England
average monthly
giving

£70.33

94% of giving at St Michael's is below the CofE average

Currently, 45% of St Michael's church members are part of its regular giving scheme.

It would be great if you would be willing to join them in supporting us.

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

1 Chronicles 29.14

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. Your gift, however large or small, will make a difference.

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.

If you pay tax, please Gift Aid your giving and we can claim an additional 25%.

Please fill in and return the attached form.

Please contact Caz Jefferies at the Office for further details and contacts: office@hollyford.org

*For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.*

Matthew 6:21



OUR VISION

Giving is a spiritual and joyful response to our generous and loving God. We give as a natural and willing reaction to the gifts we have received, and continue to receive, from our Creator. By offering our time and talents and making a regular financial contribution, we commit to making a real difference both to ourselves and our local Church.

We believe that it is really important to have a Church presence in every community, and our beautiful Arts and Crafts-style Chapel has served as a focus of Christian worship in Colyford for over 130 years. Our Chapel is open daily as a welcoming and friendly place of worship and hospitality, and Chapel Members assist with pastoral visiting and keeping in touch with our wider community.

*All shall give as they are able,
according to the blessing of the Lord your God
that he has given you.*

Deuteronomy 16:17

We arrange social and fundraising events such as Open Gardens, Flower Festivals, Concerts, Harvest Suppers and Christmas Fairs. Additionally, we extend our giving to support organisations such as the Children's Society, St Petrock's, Seaton Food Bank and Refugees Aid from Taunton.

Our vision at St Michael's is to work together with the other churches within our Mission Community to seek and share God's Good News. We wish to grow as an active hub within Colyford, faithfully proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord to those within our Church communities and beyond.

Cover photograph permission: devonchurchland.co.uk

SHARING OUR GIFTS GENEROUSLY

We recognise the support of those who give their time and talents on a voluntary basis, to whom we are very grateful. We are part of a thriving community but keeping the chapel open and serving our village comes at an ever-increasing cost.

FINANCIALLY

How can you support us?

- Existing regular givers: have you reflected on and increased your amount recently?
- Becoming a new regular giver: could you join the Parish Giving Scheme to give consistently? It's really easy!
- Gift Aid: if you pay tax, do we have your details? It costs you nothing.
- Legacies: consider leaving a legacy to St Michael's, you don't need to be wealthy to leave a gift in your will; all legacies are important to us - we are happy to talk to you about making arrangements.
- One-off giving is also always appreciated.

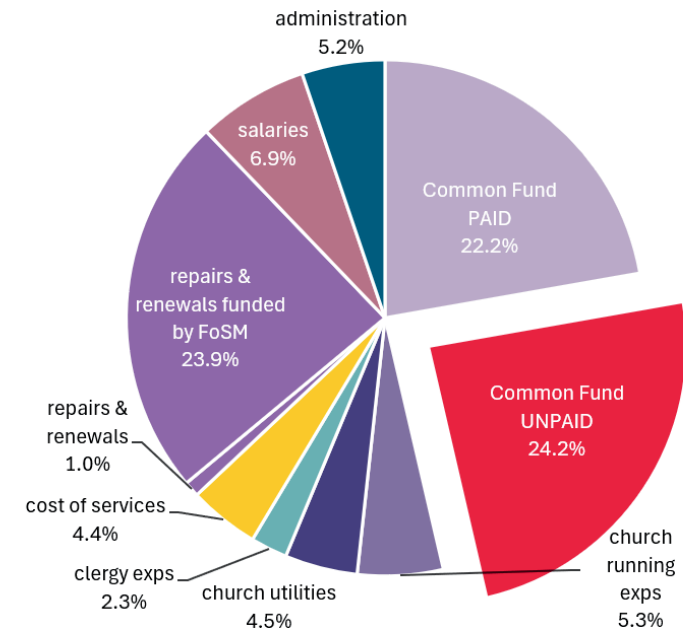
TIME & TALENTS

We always welcome more offers help. Here are some ways you can assist:

- Communication skills: posters, editing newsletters and magazines, publicity
- Musical skills for the choir, Village Praise music group and other occasions
- Supporting services: helping to set up and welcome people, lesson reading, refreshments
- Administration: record keeping, rota planning
- Housekeeping: gardening, cleaning, unlocking and locking the Chapel
- Wider community support: visiting, prayer, Home Communion

USING OUR RESOURCES

It can be helpful to know how your financial offerings are used. In Colyford, we spend our money on the following:



Our income falls far short of what we need in order to pay our way. This has been the case for some years. We would love, as a Church family, to better serve our village but need your help to address our financial situation.

