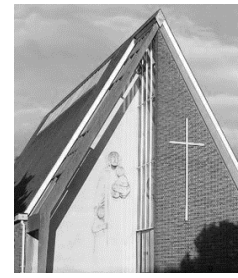




St. Martin's Gift Day 2024 Sunday 30th June



Raising funds for building improvements to benefit both church members and community users of our halls.

What is the purpose?

We are asking members of our church and community groups to prayerfully consider donating to our appeal, within your means, **to raise at least £5,000 towards improvements** to our buildings and facilities at St. Martin's. The boiler used to heat our water, corridors and toilets needs replacing. The five yearly review of our buildings for the Diocese has identified a number of repairs needed, including replacement of an external fire door from the halls. We have also been exploring improvements to our audio-visual equipment in the church. We are grateful for all your giving for the work of St. Martin's and appreciate you may not be in a position to support this appeal.

What is a Gift Day?

Have you ever noticed how when things become habit we stop really being aware of them, and we stop being curious or mindful or challenged by them? We can drive a certain route without conscious thought, or find ourselves eating a biscuit with our cup of tea without knowing how it got there!

Jesus talks about how important it is for us, His followers, to be people who give. He goes so far as to instruct us to do so. He taught us to give out of what we've got (however big or small) with generosity and cheerfulness, in quietness and humility. He calls us to do so regularly, with our money and our time and our resources. He asks us to give in a way that we notice the giving, that it has a bit of a sting, so that we don't get so used to giving that we forget its God-given purpose:

1. To remind us that everything we have is a gift given to us from God
2. To remind us that it is Him, not our own resources, that provide for us and keep us safe
3. To remind us that we rely on Him only, and not anything earthly, for all we need
4. To remind us that we must be people who reach out to others in need and freely offer them what is ours

An annual gift day at church is a brilliant way to stir up the waters of your heart, and your financial situations. Check in with your giving, when was the last time you assessed and updated it? Check in with your attitude to giving, why do you give and what have you allowed to become clouded by habit? Are you listening to the instruction of Jesus to give so that you notice the loss and remember our absolute reliance on God? Please prayerfully consider how much you can give, how much God might be calling you to give. "Freely you have received; freely give!" Matthew 10:8

Thank you for considering a donation - Rev. Jenny Mayo and Sue Davidson (Gift Day lead)

If you feel able to donate towards our Gift Day 2024 appeal, we welcome donations by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Gift Aid envelopes are available from the Church or the leaflet stand in the corridor (by the small hall).

By cash:

- Please place your money in an envelope and return it on or around Sunday 30th June.
- Envelopes can be returned at one of our services or handed in at the Community Café.
- *If you pay tax*, please use a Gift Aid envelope available from the back of church or the leaflet stand in the corridor
- ***If you do not pay tax***, please consider donating by cash and we may still be able to claim Gift Aid under the Small Donations Scheme.

By cheque:

- Please place your cheque, payable to **Saint Martins Church** in an envelope and return it on or around Sunday 30th June.
- Envelopes can be returned at one of our services or handed in at the Community Café.
- *If you pay tax*, please use a Gift Aid envelope available from the back of church or the leaflet stand in the corridor
- ***If you do not pay tax***, please consider donating by cash and we may still be able to claim Gift Aid under the Small Donations Scheme.

By Bank Transfer:

- Please make a bank transfer using the following details on or around Sunday 30th June.
- *Account name:* Saint Martins Church *Sort code:* 40-46-35
Account number: 61203789
Reference: GD24 plus your initial and surname e.g. *GD24 J Bloggs*
- *If you pay tax*, and have not previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration for St. Martin's Church, please ask Martin King or Sue Davidson (details below).
- ***If you do not pay tax***, please consider donating by cash and we may still be able to claim Gift Aid under the Small Donations Scheme.

Contact details: Sue Davidson email davidsonsc@btinternet.com Phone 01922 639589

Martin King (Gift aid queries) email smartking@btinternet.com

If we raise more funds than we need for the building and facilities improvements mentioned above, the money will be reallocated within St. Martin's funds based on need. Please ask Sue Davidson if you have queries.