

Gift Day, Spring 2024



Giving from the Heart

**Giving to God's Mission into
2024**

Teaching on Giving

Security in God's Generosity

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Psalm 34:8-10

The Generosity of God in the Gospel

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The Generous Father-Heart of God

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:7-11

From the Heart...



An appeal from the heart that I hope (and pray) will be met with a response from the heart!

The start of 2024 has brought some great encouragements, not least of all the growth in attendance: numbers of adults and children are creeping up week by week, and Easter Sunday saw 300+ at our 10am service, including 66 children. There has been a growing joy in our worship, and a sense of anticipation about what God might do among us.

Behind the scenes, however, we are aware of how tight the finances are. At our February PCC meeting we discussed what cuts would need to be made to our expenditure unless income increased. For the first time as a PCC we face the possibility of having to cut a staff post. This is a move that I hope we don't have to make, as we are far from overstaffed - the staff team is full of joy, but fully stretched!

This booklet invites you to consider increasing your giving to Holy Trinity - or to start giving regularly if you haven't done so.

Giving is a heart response to God, the God who models generosity to us in limitless, spectacular ways. God's whole mission in the world is a mission of generosity and grace, most powerfully pictured in the amazing gift of the Lord Jesus.

God calls us to be part of his 'Generosity Agenda', allowing him to reshape our lives and our hearts to align with his own.

I encourage you to read this booklet and respond as the Lord speaks to your hearts.

Thank you (from the heart)!

Mark.

The Gospel of Generosity

Remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said:
'It is more blessed to give than to receive' Acts 20:35b

The gospel calls us to a brand-new way of thinking about money – a way that is rooted in the bible story and its narrative of the lavish grace of God, most powerfully pictured in the amazing gift of the Lord Jesus. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God frees us from our bondage to ourselves and to find our identity, meaning and satisfaction in him. He calls us to a radical new way of living, with love for Christ and others at the centre of our lives. In the scripture above, Jesus sends out a message about giving that is as counter-cultural (and true) today as it was then.

Our attitude to money and possessions needs to be embedded in the larger 'Generosity Agenda' of God, revealed in the bible. This means resting in the fact that God has committed to provide us with everything we need (not want) and accepting that he calls us to be part of his mission of grace. So, if we know and love the Lord Jesus, our view of money shifts – we no longer see it primarily through the lens of personal provision, but through the lens of God's generous outpouring of himself to us to bring our salvation.

God's grace is **radically transformative** and has the power to free us from viewing money as a means to get, and to begin to see it as a means to give.

The money that God provides us with is a means of making his generosity visible. We become the physical representatives of his generous, providing grace. We become the hands that bring real help to those in need. We become one of the primary means God uses to fund the work of his kingdom of love and grace, and we join his mission to share the gospel in Redhill and beyond.

Jesus said that when we use our life to help others, we end up even more blessed. It is always more blessed to give to others than to receive for ourselves. It is more blessed to give, because you become a blessing to others and enjoy the blessing of joining in yourself with God's own agenda.

So, how do you view your money – as something to hold on to, or as something to give away, both to those in material need and to those in spiritual need?

Extract from "The Generosity Agenda" by Paul Tripp, edited by Tim Menary & Mick Hough

What Difference Can I Make?



How Can I Give?

In response to God's generosity to us, please prayerfully consider how you might give regularly to his work. Regular, planned giving helps the PCC to budget for our mission. You can give:

- Through your bank - Standing Order or BACS (email finance@htredhill.com for instructions)
- Through Stewardship - head to www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/HTRedhill
- Through your employer using payroll giving or Give as You Earn

Thankful Giving: If God has given you a special reason to be thankful (for unexpected income, perhaps, or to celebrate his particular goodness to you), and you want give a Thank Offering why not place a donation it in the offertory box in the church foyer. More ways of giving, both regularly and as one offs, are on the back cover of this booklet.

Legacies

What will you leave?

We are extremely grateful for the giving of our members who have gone home to glory. Thanks to the legacies left to Holy Trinity over the last few years we have been able to fund the replacement of our AV system and of our lighting in church, which may not have otherwise been possible, as well as essential repairs to stonework.

Could you consider leaving a legacy to HT in your will?

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, any gift you make can be treated as Gift Aid-able, which means for every £1 you give, Holy Trinity Redhill would receive £1.25. Higher Band tax payers can also receive tax relief on Gift Aided donations.

If you have not already signed a Gift Aid form, please find one attached to this booklet which can be completed.

Standing order forms, Gift Aid mandates, and a card machine are available on the Welcome Desk in the church foyer. For more information or assistance ask the Treasurer or Gift Aid Secretary by emailing treasurer@htredhill.com, or for help setting up giving email Mark (our finance officer) on finance@htredhill.com

A Place to Meet Jesus

How does the money we give support God's mission in Redhill?



Our Operations

£93,080 (2024 forecast)

- Office staff and Operations director
- Office costs and equipment, website
- Governance cost



Our Church Building

£33,344 (2024 forecast)

- Utility and insurance costs
- Cleaning
- Church maintenance and repairs



Our Church Centre

£44,395 (2024 forecast)

- Utility and insurance costs
- Cleaning
- Maintenance and repairs



Supporting Mission

£31,554 (2024 forecast)

- Support for our 8 mission partners based in the UK and overseas
- A tithe of previous years giving



Supporting Clergy in Ministry and Outreach

£182,492 (2024 forecast)

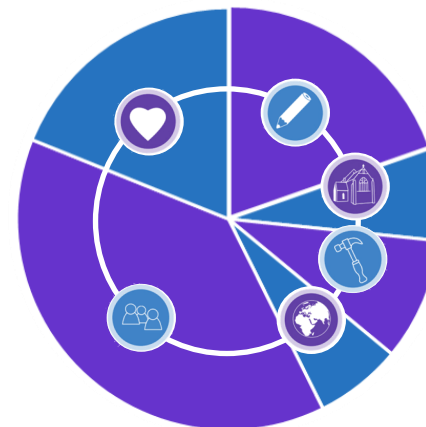
- Parish Support Fund pays our 3 clergy
- Clergy support and expenses
- Sustains ministry across our diocese



Supporting our other Ministry and Outreach

£89,599 (2024 forecast)

- Timperley Worker
- Parish Nurse
- Families, Youth & Children's Minister
- Ministry Associate



2024 Giving Forecast

£375,000

(additional income from hall hire, investments, fees, and grants, c.£35k)

2024 Shortfall

£64,000

At the current rate of shortfall, our reserves would fall below our minimum limit halfway through 2025

Additional Giving

In addition to their regular, planned giving, there are other ways in which Holy Trinity members can give .



Donations can be made through Stewardship. This can be used for one off gifts as well as regular giving.

Make sure to include Gift Aid!
Visit stewardship.org.uk/partners/HTRedhill



CAF bank can be used to make online payments, including Gift Aid. Go to cafonline.org and search for Holy Trinity Redhill - contact the office for more info



We have a collection box at the back of church during each service, as well as a card machine you can use to donate using your credit or debit card. Find these in the foyer, and grab a Church Warden if you have any questions!



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