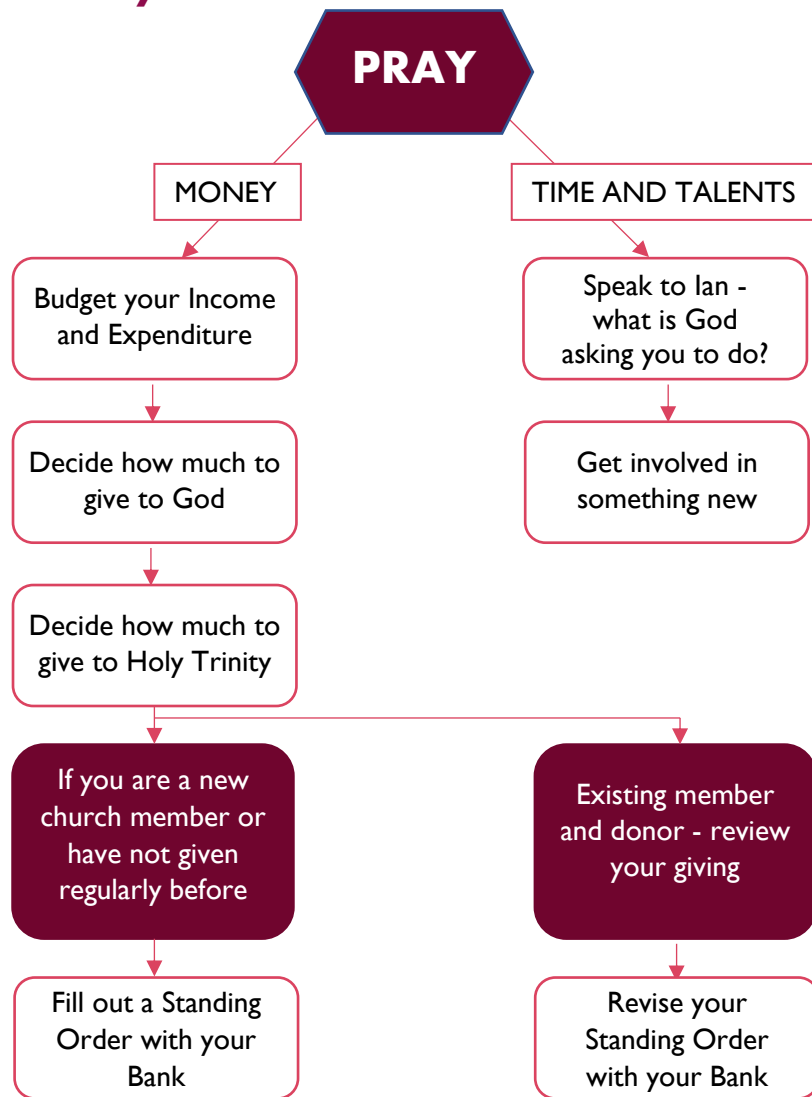


To Contribute to Holy Trinity....

Please Pray!



Grounded in faith Growing to Serve

Each of us should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9.7



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What we do as a Church follows prayer... ...and costs time, effort and money

Holy Trinity is all about worshipping God, following Jesus, learning together and loving our neighbours as ourselves. This involves both spiritual resources and also material resources - our time, money and effort. A host of tasks have to be carried out by a large number of people, volunteers mostly, before we can start any service or other events. To everyone who contributes time, effort and money, a HUGE **THANK YOU!**

The Financial Cost of Holy Trinity ministry

Every parish in UK contributes to their Diocese, to the Common Fund. This contribution is called the Parish Share, it is based on the size of our congregation and the “socio economic” status of the parish. Our Parish Share in 2023 is £99,670 that is £1,917 per week. In return we receive our share of Clergy salary, housing, training and other resources. The Common Fund also supports other poorer parishes that may close without support from other parishes through the diocese; it also supports church schools, diocesan staff and other projects.

On top of the Parish Share we have to maintain and run the church building, the office and staff, utilities, maintenance, and support the Hall. All of this costs in excess of £1,090 per week. Therefore, we need to find £3,007 every week to maintain our basic ministry. This is around £17 per worshipper per week.

In addition to this we aim to “tithe” at least 10% of our general donations income which varies from year to year but is between £1,000 to £1,250 per month given to good causes.

We again would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who gives money, time and talent to further God’s work and the ministry of Holy Trinity, we do however now face a challenge.

We are fortunate that our Children’s and Family work, Our Parish Nurse, and our Debt Centre and The Bridge are funded separately from the General Church; these costs are not in the above figures. The Debt Centre fund has around 10 months left and the Parish Nurse around 18 months.

We now have an **opportunity** to review our giving to meet our challenges.

Our Challenge

Following the Pandemic our income has recovered slowly, but not yet reached pre-pandemic levels for reasons that are difficult to pinpoint. 2023 operations will be in deficit and we will eat into our reserves. Our utility bills have increased as have almost all other expenses and costs. The Parish Share we pay to the diocese’s Common Fund increases due to congregation numbers increasing, and we are unsure what will happen from January for 2024. So, it’s a real challenge to meet our routine running costs and this will require faith, prayer and commitment, but we know from long experience that Holy Trinity is not short on any of these. We believe if we all respond to God’s leading, we will once again experience His generosity and grace.

Please Pray...

- Thank God for all He has given you
- Reflect on your gifts and abilities, how may God want you to use them
- Decide how much of your income to give back to God
- Ask for wisdom in reviewing your income and expenditure
- Decide how much of your giving to God you wish to commit to Holy Trinity, use the chart on the back page if it helps

...and Act

- If you have started coming to Holy Trinity regularly, or have been coming for some time but haven’t yet done so may we encourage you to complete a Standing Order form to simplify your giving. These forms are available from the office or Chris Round.
- If you pay income tax and are able to Gift Aid but have not completed a Gift Aid form then please consider doing so, forms are in the office.
- If you are an existing donor, and after prayer you are able to increase your Standing Order then please do so either directly with the Bank or talk to Chris and perhaps use a new form.
- If you are considering making a will or revising your existing will then please consider making a Legacy to Holy Trinity, if you fall into the Inheritance tax bracket there are tax advantages in this.

God Bless you all

Chris Round, Church Treasurer

MAKE YOUR DONATIONS GO FURTHER WITH GIFT AID

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Through the Government's Gift Aid scheme, Holy Trinity can claim an additional 25p for every £1 you donate. So if you are a UK taxpayer, you can increase the value of your donations to us by 25%, at no extra cost to yourself! Simply fill in your details below and tick the box to confirm your taxpayer status.

We will use the details provided to update your record and to process your donations to us. Please note: Holy Trinity can only claim Gift Aid if you provide your full first name, surname and home address.

Gift Aid declaration

I am a UK taxpayer and would like Holy Trinity Frome to reclaim the tax on all donations I have made in the last four years and for all future gifts of money that I make to be Gift Aid donations.

I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title	First Name
Surname	
Address	
Postcode	
email	
Signature	Date

Following Jesus

Our vision to see a faith-filled Frome

Jesus is Lord over Frome! He wants to grow his kingdom and is asking each of us to play our part as his disciples who make disciples. This challenges how we live our lives, including how we use all the gifts God has given us.

Here at Trinity we are at the start of the journey to prayerfully discern what Jesus' vision and priorities are for us as a church as we seek to grow in love of him, service to each other and those across our community, and numerically as we see more and more people choose to follow him. Here are the areas we believe God is calling us to focus upon and invest in at this time:

1 Being Church together

Focusing on our small groups, pastoral care, growing friendships across our congregations.

2 Children, Families and Youth

We want to invest in all young people, not just those in church. We are looking at how we might grow our teams and ultimately employ more staff.

3 Mission to our community

Building on our current wonderful work, we want to see more people given hope and experience God's love. We're dreaming big!

4 Effective and efficient operations - administration etc.

Our recent audit by John Truscott highlights the need to invest in our admin and systems. Our aim is to employ an Operations Coordinator to lead us.

HOW CAN YOU GET ON BOARD?

How might God be asking you to play your part? Please prayerfully consider how you might give towards our vision of seeing a Jesus-filled Frome.

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STANDING ORDER FORM

GENERAL FUND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, FROME

Thank you for offering to support the varied work of HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, FROME. Please complete the form below and hand/send it to:

The Treasurer, Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street, Frome. BA11 3DE

Or alternatively send this form to your Bank or do this online through your Internet Banking.

To the Manager of	Bank, Plc
Address	
Sort Code	
Account no.	
Account name	

Please pay to the account noted below, the sum stated, with the frequency noted using the Reference **GENERAL** also noted.

Account details: **Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity**
Sort Code 60-08-31 Account no. 52069117

The sum of £	commencing
Frequency	
Date	
Signature	

THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO HOLY TRINITY FROME

Our Finances at Holy Trinity use different Funds to provide for the various expenses and outreach that we need to cover.

Our General Fund runs the 'business' side of the church, this includes our Parish Share paid to the Diocese and the other aspects such as utilities, admin, stationery, cleaning and general servicing. These are our highest expenses amounting to over £160k for 2023. Our income is mostly from Standing Orders into the Bank and this year, 2023, our income is projected to be slightly less than expenditure, with a deficit of around £4k. The Standing Order Form is attached.

Our Children and Youth work is covered by a separate Fund which again enjoys income mostly from Standing Orders into the Bank, this is a Restricted Fund meaning that it may only be spent on Children and Youth work. This Fund historically has been balanced with income meeting expenditure but this year we are predicting a deficit of approaching £10k, this will be met from reserves. A Standing Order Form is available, ask the Office or Chris Round for a copy.

Our Outreach includes The Debt Centre, The Bridge, Our Parish Nurse and the Hardship Fund. All these Funds are also Restricted and are supported by donation, mostly again into the Bank by Standing Order. The Debt Centre and Parish Nurse Funds are being depleted and Debt Centre will be exhausted in 10 Months, the Nurse in 18 months. The Bridge is run as a non-profit making venture and this works well. The Hardship Fund is funded by appeals at various times. To support these outreach ventures please talk with Chris Round or the Office.

In 2015/1016 the Church was re-ordered to be the versatile and welcoming space it is now. The costs for this were mostly covered at the time but we do still owe the Diocese £30k at £10k per year, which will be a challenge in years to come.

All donations may be **Gift Aided** so if you are a UK taxpayer and you pay enough tax then we can claim back 25% of your donation from HMRC. This makes a considerable difference to your donation at no cost to you. The Gift Aid declaration form is on the next page.