

OUR CHURCH

Since our last stewardship campaign in 2012 we have:

- ◆ Completed the reordering of the Chancel
- ◆ Employed a parish administrator
- ◆ Established Messy Church

In the coming year(s) we hope to:

- ◆ Develop our follow-up of baptism families and the recently bereaved
- ◆ Build on our existing youth and children's work
- ◆ Refurbish the church extension

In 2014, each week, we spent:

£1,007 on our share of clergy, stipend, housing and training and support costs.

£335 on our buildings, including insurance, heat light, general maintenance etc.

£144 on worship and ministry costs to and in the community.

£153 on other costs

In 2014 each week we received:

£835 from regular giving and collections

£243 from HM Revenue & Customs from Gift Aided donations and giving

£216 from fees

£291 from the extension

£54 from fundraising

£69 from all other income

(the above based on our unrestricted funds)

Thank you for your gift

How to decide how much to give

There is no easy formula - It is up to each one of us to decide prayerfully how much we can afford to give, but we should make a conscious decision rather than giving to God the loose change in our pockets at the end of the day.

Love is generous, love is kind and love is selfless - we see that in all God gives to us; how will we respond?

- ◆ By reviewing our giving
- ◆ By joining the planned giving scheme
- ◆ By using gift aid if we pay tax
- ◆ By giving a percentage of our income
- ◆ By considering leaving a legacy to St Luke's in our wills

We are custodians of the church building which has stood in the middle of the village for over 150 years. We have a responsibility to hand it on to future generations and at the same time develop ministry and mission in the wider community.

The Church is not just the building.

**Please think and pray
about your response**

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St. Luke's Church

Serving Tiptree & Tolleshunt Knights

*To be a Transforming Presence
in our Community,
open and welcoming to all,
and serving all*

OUR CHURCH

Our giving sustains
our church building here -
it is a sacred place dedicated to
worship, prayer and witness.

Our giving sustains
parish clergy here, and across the diocese
and trains new clergy.

Our giving sustains
parish ministry; measured by every wedding
and baptism celebrated, every school assembly
taken, every confirmation course run, every
sermon preached and Eucharist celebrated,
every ill person visited, every bereaved
family comforted, and every person shown
the love of Christ through
our care, comfort and compassion.

Our giving sustains
mission both here in this parish and the
wider Church.

*“This service you do not only helps
the needs of God’s people, it also brings
much more thanks to God.”*

2 Cor 9:12

OUR COMMUNITY

**To cultivate the grace of giving we need to
think carefully about all we receive from
God, consider our priorities then
prayerfully review our giving.**

The church here needs £1,782 per week in
2015 for its ministry of worship, witness,
service & mission.

In 2014 our weekly income was £1,708

In order to meet this shortfall and for this
ministry to be adequately funded we need
the grace of giving.

The following table gives an example of
how that might happen.

*“You are rich in everything ...
In the same way, be strong also in the
grace of giving.”*

2 Cor 8:7

This many people	Increasing Weekly Giving by	Equals this Extra Income Each year
50	25p	£650
	50p	£1,300
	£1	£2,600
100	25p	£1,300
	50p	£2,600
	£1	£5,200

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The church planned giving scheme has
68 members.
**Is it time to join the envelope scheme
or move to a standing order?**

The Gift Aid scheme has
55 tax payers contributing.
Is it time to join?

Giving to God’s work through the church
should be a priority.
Is it time to increase?

Some people choose to give a
percentage of their income.
**Is it time to give in proportion
to what we receive?**

Weekly Income	Giving 1% £	Giving 2% £	Giving 5% £	Giving 10% £
£50	50p	1.00	2.50	5.00
£100	1.00	2.00	5.00	10.00
£150	1.50	3.00	7.50	15.00
£250	2.50	5.00	12.50	25.00
£500	5.00	10.00	25.00	50.00

*“If you want to give, your gift will be
accepted. It will be judged by what you
have, not by what you do not have.”*

2 Cor 8:12