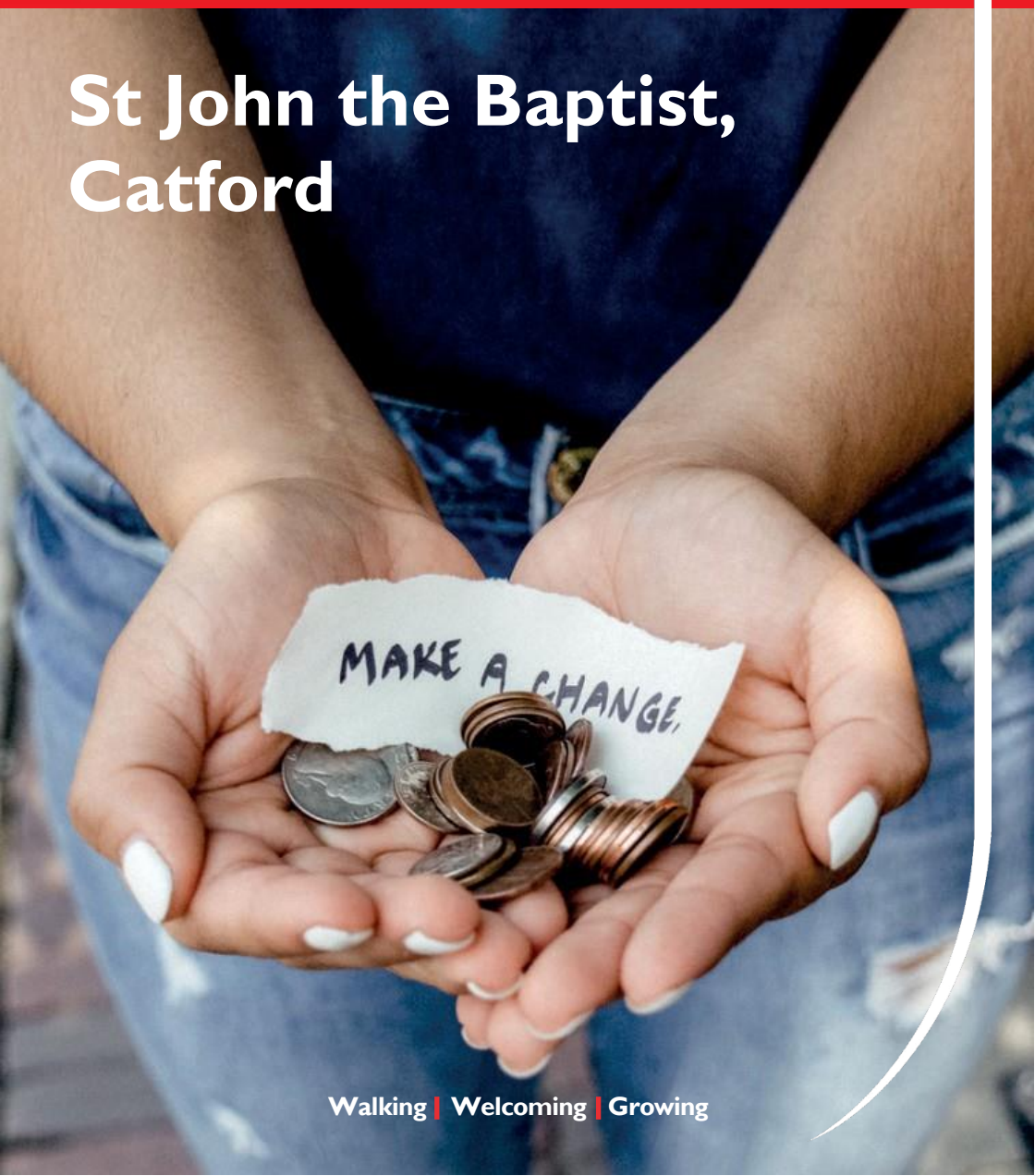




A simple way to give to your church

St John the Baptist, Catford



Walking | Welcoming | Growing

Thank you for your support for our church, enabling us to serve our community and share God's love with those around us.

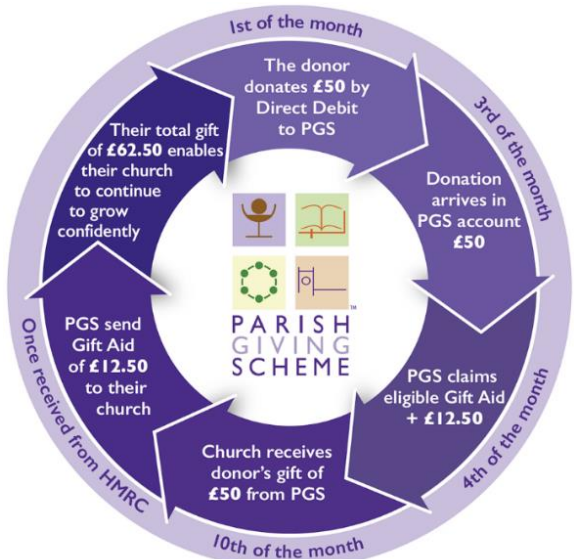
The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure, free way to help you give to our church!

How does the PGS work?

You give your regular donations to your church via PGS by Direct Debit, on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

PGS then claims Gift Aid on behalf of your church every month, and sends the full amount of the gift and gift aid back to your church's bank account.

You can change or cancel the amount at any time, online or by a simple phone call.



Why give in a new way?

PGS benefits our church by:

- reducing valuable admin time and improving our cash flow, with free monthly gift aid claims, giving us more time and money for God's mission!
- helping us keep up with inflation, enabling us to plan with confidence.

What's more, it's entirely free.

How much you give is a matter for your personal and prayerful reflection, as you respond to God's grace and generosity. You may choose to give anonymously, and your church will be notified only of the amount of your gift. You can change or cancel the amount of your gift at any time, online or by a simple phone call.

We would like to recommend PGS to all our regular givers.

Thank you for considering joining PGS in support of St John the Baptist, Catford

Clare, Parishioner

It's so easy for me to monitor and adjust my giving online

Three ways you can sign up!

- **Online**

Scan the QR code to [reach your church's landing page](#). Alternatively, go to parishgiving.org.uk and search for the parish using our PGS code.



- **Telephone**

Call PGS on 0333 002 1271. Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm. It normally takes around 10 minutes to set up over the phone.

- **Post**

Complete our Gift Form and post it to PGS office's address. You can download the Gift Form from our church website.

However you choose to sign up, you will need to have the following information:

- your personal bank account details
- the name of our parish: **Catford St John the Baptist**
- the PGS code for our parish: **370637262**
- whether you are eligible for Gift Aid

*If you currently give by standing order, you will need to cancel your payment.
We recommend waiting until you have received your welcome letter from PGS.*

Please opt to maintain the value of your gift

Our church, like every household, is hit by inflation. As givers, we might have the best intentions to sustain our giving year by year, but many of us may forget to increase our gifts regularly. That means, with increasing costs, our gift is worth less over time.

PGS tackles this problem by enabling givers to choose to increase their giving annually in line with inflation. If you opt in, you will receive a yearly opportunity to increase your gift, always retaining the option not to do so if circumstances don't allow. **Please opt to maintain the value of your gift.**

Maintaining the value of your gift

☐ I wish to support my parish in the future by increasing my gift each year in line with inflation

I understand that the new amount will be communicated to me by email prior to the giving date. I have the right to opt out of this arrangement at any point in the future by communicating my wishes to the Parish Giving Scheme

“For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” *1 Chronicles 29:14 NRSV*

Everyone benefits



- ✓ You are in total control of the amount you give.
- ✓ The Direct Debit guarantee means your gift is safe and secure.
- ✓ Gift Aid is claimed monthly for the church, reducing administration and work for your Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary.
- ✓ You can help protect your church against inflation by choosing to consider annually maintaining the value of your gift.
- ✓ We give you PGS tokens to put in the offertory plate to reflect your generous giving.
- ✓ A regular, tax-efficient method of giving that benefits you and your church!

New in 2023: One-Off Giving!

It is now possible to make a one-off gift online via your Church's PGS page, adding gift aid if you are eligible. You can use a debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Transaction cost of 1.5%. Useful for visitors or making an extra gift!

Questions

If you have any further questions, please contact your **PGS Project Leader**:
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Help is always available from **the Giving Team** at the Diocese of Southwark:
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on Fire**

The Diocese of Southwark

Loving God
Walking with Jesus
Led by the Spirit

Luke 24:13-35



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