

How you can help

Please fill in a Promise Form

We need a fresh form from everyone showing how much they are able to give now on a regular basis. But we do understand that this may change in the future. If your circumstances alter, you can change your giving at any time.

Even if you are an existing giver, we need a fresh form to confirm whether you are increasing or continuing your level of giving.

Your new Promise will replace any existing Promise.

Gift Aid - a gift from the Inland Revenue!

If you pay tax, the Inland Revenue will add a tax refund of 25% to your gift. This tax refund costs you nothing, providing you pay as much tax as the church claims back.

Please tick the Gift Aid box on your Promise Form to make this possible.

Standing Order or Envelopes?

You can use envelopes to give in cash, but a bank standing order is safer and saves time for our church treasurer—please use one if you can.

Special 'offertory cards' can be provided in church for standing order givers to place in the collection.

Returning your Promise Form

Please fill in your Promise Form and return it in the enclosed envelope by 13th May. If you are unable to give, please indicate this on the form.

Please return your sealed envelope to church, or mail the envelope to Tony Brown, our Promise Programme Organiser.

If you are not sure what to do, don't worry. One of our volunteers will be in touch if we haven't heard from you by 13th May, simply to collect your form in its sealed envelope, or to offer confidential help.

If you have any questions, please ring our Promise Programme Organiser, Tony Brown, on 01636 817239.

The Church's Budget

The average annual cost of our Church for the next five years is likely to be:

Church Running Expenses **£5,200**
including heat, light, insurance, routine maintenance, and care of the churchyard.

Clergy pay, housing and pensions **£8,600**

- * Each clergyman costs about £43,000 per year, once stipend (£23,010), housing, pension, nat. Ins. and council tax are added up.
- * Parishes pay towards the overall cost of Clergy in the Diocese and other Diocesan costs in proportion to their congregations and professional ministry.
- * Large congregations give more in 'Parish Share' than the cost of their own Clergy, while small Churches in poor areas may give less.
- * At Whatton the contribution asked for in 2012 pays for one fifth of the cost of our vicar whose services we share with our friends in the other churches in the Cranmer Group.

Worship and Parish Work **£2,200**
includes the cost of Church Services, and a share of Cranmer Group expenses.

Total Cost per year **£16,000**

Less **Income** from weddings and funerals, Fundraising, interest, donations, and cash in church collections **(£4,000)**

Balance needed **£12,000**

Every donation is important and will be very much appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet.



The Cranmer Group

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

Church of St John of Beverley, Whatton-in-the-Vale

2012 Promise Programme



**Proclaiming
God's love
at the centre of
our community**

The Past, Present and Future

A Church at the Centre

For centuries St Mary's Parish Church has been home to a company of faithful people and today we rejoice in our heritage and encourage one another to play a full part in all the different aspects of Church life.

As well as being a place where we gather to worship, St Mary's is a reminder of the presence of God in our daily lives as we walk or drive through the village.

Our work in the village continues and is growing: regular worship, study groups, children's work, the welcoming of newcomers and the pastoral care of the sick and bereaved — ministry in many areas of village life.

The village has shown its support for the Church by giving generously to previous Promise Programmes and contributing towards the work of the Church in so many other ways.

But now we need your continuing support if the church building is to remain open and at the heart of our village life in the future.

Your support will help us to:

- * proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ;
- * bring the community together to celebrate God's love shown to us in Jesus and God's providential care;
- * work with children as they learn about the Christian faith and way of life;
- * be available for pastoral services such as baptisms, marriages and funerals;
- * maintain the churchyard so that it can remain available for burials;
- * care for our church building, so that this focus of the community's spiritual life can be passed on to future generations.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Luke 12:34

What is required

Our last Promise Programme was in 2007. Since then, the Church's commitments have increased and inflation has eaten into the value of what people are currently giving. Therefore, we wish to take this opportunity to review how much money is required to maintain the Church's activities for the next five years.

To meet our commitments, £12,000 of regular giving is required each year. This will enable Whatton Church to continue to be open and available when needed. The more income the Church receives, the more is able to be done and the more secure its future will be.

How much should I give?

The Church of England encourages Christians to give 5% (or £1 in £20) of their after-tax income to and through the Church, and a similar amount to other work that helps to build God's kingdom. This is consistent with the biblical principle of the tithe. If everyone associated with Whatton Church gave at this level, the Church would have no difficulty meeting its financial commitments.

Set out below is an illustration of how we could achieve our target of £12,000:

Inc. after Tax	5%	Per Month	No. of givers	Total
£51,600	£2,580	£215	1	£2,580
£27,600	£1,380	£115	1	£1,380
£19,200	£960	£80	1	£960
£12,000	£600	£50	3	£1,800
£9,600	£480	£40	3	£1,440
£7,200	£360	£30	3	£1,080
£4,800	£240	£20	3	£720
			15	£9,960

If £9,960 were given under the Gift Aid scheme, the Inland Revenue would refund to the Church a further £2,490 per year; that is £12,450 in total.

You can see how your contribution could make a real difference.



**"Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you."
1st Chronicles 29:11,14**



Through giving his life for us, Jesus provided the ultimate demonstration of God's generosity. Giving is at the centre of God's character — God gives us life, and his giving is renewed

£35 per month would pay for one third of the cost of Heat and Light.



£50 per month would pay for one fifth of the cost of insuring the Church building.

**"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
Matthew 6:33**

£100 per month would pay for one tenth of the cost of ministry provision in this community.