

OUR CHURCH

Our giving supports

Our beautiful building – it is a sacred place dedicated to worship, prayer and witness.

It also maintains the churchyard where generations of villagers are remembered.

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Our parish clergy both here and in the wider family of the church.

It helps train others called to lay and ordained ministry so that the life of the church goes on.

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Parish ministry, measured by every ill person visited and every bereaved family cared and prayed for, weddings and baptisms, every Eucharist celebrated and every person shown the love of God through our care, comfort and compassion.

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The support and services offered to the schools and the church as a venue for events.

OUR FUTURE

To provide a sustainable, loving and forward thinking Church for the future of our community.

It is no great sacrifice to put the things we love first. There is no easy formula – we are commanded to love God and our neighbour as ourselves.

Does our giving reflect our love for God and our neighbour?

Love is generous, love is kind, love is selfless – we see that in all God gives to us;

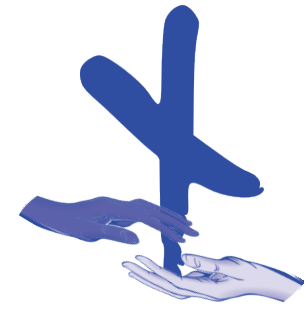
How will we respond?

- By starting to give regularly?
- By joining the planned giving scheme?
- By using Gift Aid if we pay tax?
- By giving realistically?

What is a modest gift from one may be truly sacrificial from another

God rejoices when we G.R.O.W.

**Give
Realistically
Often
Willingly**



ST. MICHAEL AND
ALL ANGEL'S CHURCH
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‘The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.’
(2 Corinthians. 9: 6-8)

O generous Father
Giver of all good gifts
we thank you for our Church life
and all that this means to us.

O generous Son
who said it is more blessed to given
than to receive
may we respond with generous hearts
to the needs of our Church.

O generous Spirit
Pour your blessings upon our
Stewardship Initiative
that our Church may be
Strengthened for its future ministry
and mission. Amen.

(Hilary Murphy, Holy Trinity, Kendal)

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The Church of St Michael at Torpenhow was built in 1120. Of the 98 churches built in the 12th Century, only six remain unspoilt, Torpenhow being one of these.

Most of the early building remains - and some of the stone that can be seen inside would have been brought from the Great Roman Camp of Old Carlisle. The architect responsible for the 1913 restoration said he found distinct traces of a Saxon building.

The suggestion of Saxon structures would extend Christian worship on this site back to the Celtic Church of the first millennia.

This is a place of prayer that generations have exercised loving stewardship over but it is far more than an architectural masterpiece or heritage gem. It is a living church that reaches out into the community and the surrounding area.

OUR FUTURE

To cultivate the grace of giving we need to think carefully about all we receive from God and how we sustain all that we have at St. Michael’s.

The Church here needs around **£349** per week for its ministry, mission to the community, and to maintain the fabric of the building and the Churchyard.

Our ordinary income amounts to around **£224**

A shortfall of **£125** per week

This many people	Additional weekly giving of	Increases our weekly income by:
20	£1	£20
15	£2	£30
10	£3	£30
5	£4	£20
5	£5	£25
		£125