

What do I need to do...

- ⇒ Take time to read the brochure and reflect prayerfully on what you can afford
- ⇒ Complete the enclosed Promise Form
- ⇒ If you pay Income Tax or Tax on your savings please also complete the Gift Aid Declaration as this will enable St. Luke's to claim 25p extra for every £1 you give.
- ⇒ If you are giving by Bank Standing Order please complete the Bank Standing Order form.
- ⇒ Return the form to Church in the sealed envelope provided or post to :

Peter Stanley
15, St. Anne's Close
Worksop
Notts
S80 3QS

Thank You



St. Luke's Church
for Shireoaks and Rhodesia

2012 Promise Programme



Living for Christ at the heart of our community and enriching lives through fellowship and the love of God, with the courage to do His work and speak His word.

The Past, Present and Future...

St. Luke's Church is at the centre of our community and has been here now for 150 years serving the needs of both Shireoaks and Rhodesia. St. Luke's provides a place of worship Sunday after Sunday as well as being there for those important points in our lives and the lives of those we cherish.

Much has changed in those 150 years – but the Church has remained a central point in our community and we hope it will continue to do so for many years to come.

We have recently invested over £60k in providing a much needed toilet and kitchen facilities and more recently modernising the front of Church to make it more accessible for worship and community events.

Our work in the community also extends to running the Village Hall and after 5 years we are pleased that we have been able to successfully maintain and develop this key village amenity.

To continue to be right at the centre of our community inevitably needs your financial support.

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;
- ⇒ care for our church building, so that this focus of the community's spiritual life can be passed on to future generations.

Please read on to see how your support can make a real difference...

Worship at St. Luke's

Come and join us at one of our services on a Sunday morning, all our services start at 10am.

Everyone is very welcome and in addition to Sunday Club we also have a play area specially for children. After the service there is time to have a cup of tea or coffee and talk to your friends and neighbours

Holy Communion

Our communion services take place on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays every month.

Worship for All

On the 1st Sunday of the month we have our "Worship for All" service which is a good opportunity for the whole family to praise and worship God.

Holy Baptism

Baptisms take place in our normal 10am service on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Contact Information



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Priest-in-Charge
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Churchwarden
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Churchwarden
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How much is needed...

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

Church Running expenses	- £ 11,106
• <i>Including Heating, Light, Insurance and Churchyard maintenance</i>	
Clergy pay, housing and pensions	- £ 27,674
• <i>Each vicar costs about £43,000 per year, once pay, housing, pension, National Insurance and Council Tax are added up</i>	
• <i>Parishes pay towards the overall cost of clergy in the Diocese and other Diocesan costs in proportion to their congregations and professional ministry</i>	
• <i>Large congregations give more in "Parish Share" than the cost of their own clergy, while small churches in poor areas may give less</i>	
• <i>At St. Luke's, the contribution asked for in 2011 paid for 100% of the cost of our vicar who is employed on a half time basis.</i>	
Worship and Parish Work	- £ 6,574
• <i>Includes the cost of church worship, music, printing, postage and stationary, giving to charity and missions and a contribution towards clergy expenses</i>	
Maintenance of Church Property	- £ 1,094
• <i>It is important that we continue to keep our Church in good repair and that provision is made for major works in the future</i>	
Total Cost per year	- £ 46,448
Less Income	- £ 13,280
• <i>Income from weddings and funerals, investment income, donations, and cash in church collections</i>	
Balance needed	- £ 33,168
Current Regular Giving Income	- £ 15,144

The Challenge ahead...

Our Income from Regular Giving is presently **£ 15,144 p.a.**
We need to increase this to **£ 33,168 p.a.**

So and increase of **£ 18,024 or 190%** is needed

This will enable St. Luke's to continue to be open and available when needed

This is a very big challenge, but we believe it can be done and set out below is an illustration of how we can achieve this target:

1 person giving at	£ 300	or more per month (	£69	per week)
1 person giving at	£ 200	or more per month (	£46	per week)
2 people giving at	£ 150	or more per month (	£35	per week)
3 people giving at	£ 100	or more per month (	£23	per week)
4 people giving at	£ 80	or more per month (	£18	per week)
5 people giving at	£ 60	or more per month (	£14	per week)
5 people giving at	£ 40	or more per month (	£ 9	per week)
5 people giving at	£ 25	or more per month (	£ 6	per week)
4 people giving at	£ 20	or more per month (	£ 5	per week)
6 people giving at	£ 10	or more per month (	£ 2	per week)
5 people giving at	£ 5	or more per month (	£ 1	per week)

41 promises will total £ 26,520 per year.

If all those who pay tax Gift Aid their giving, the Inland Revenue will refund to the church a further **£6,630 per year.**

That is a total of £ 33,150

"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

How much should I give...

The Church of England encourages Regular Worshippers to prayerfully consider giving 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.

£120 per month
Would pay for half
our building insurance

£70 per month
Would pay for
¼ of our
heating and
lighting



£40 per month
Would pay for a
tenth of the cost
of maintaining
the churchyard

£20 per month
Would pay for ¼ of our
Annual maintenance
costs

£200 per month
Would pay for a tenth of
our "Parish Share"

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 daily.

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 understand that this may change in the future.

If your circumstances do alter, you can change your giving at any time.

Even if you are an existing supporter, we need a fresh form to confirm whether you are increasing or continuing your support. 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 Weekly Envelopes?

You can use Envelopes to give in cash, but a Bank Standing Order is safer and saves time for our Church Planned Giving Secretary - please use one if you can.

Special 'offertory cards' will 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 Sunday 24th March. If you are unable to give, please indicate this on the form.

Please return your sealed envelope to the special box in church, or mail the envelope to Peter Stanley 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 24th March, simply to collect your form in its sealed envelope, or to offer confidential help.



I would like to give

You can alter your giving at any time
should your circumstances change

I am unable to give

Name

(CAPITALS)

Title

Forenames

Surname

Address

Post Code

If you are giving through Gift Aid,
please only enter one name above

I would like to give

£

Each Week

Half Year

Month

Year

Quarter

I choose to give by

Bank Standing Order

Offering Envelopes

Other *Please specify*

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Yes - I want Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Board of Finance to reclaim tax (on behalf of St. Luke's, Shireoaks and Rhodesia) on all donations I have made since 6th April 2011, and on all donations which I make in the future. I am a UK taxpayer.

Signature

Please remember to notify us if you no longer pay an amount of Income or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax we reclaim on your donations (25p for every £1 you give).

If you have ticked that you are able to give by Bank Standing Order, please complete the form opposite, OR tick one of the boxes below, if appropriate.

There is no change to my existing Bank Standing Order payments

I have arranged the Bank Standing Order payments by phone or internet banking, and these payments will start on

Please complete this form if there is any change to the amount you wish to give

To the Manager

Bank plc

Address

Post Code

Account Number

Sort Code

Name of Account holder(s)

Address

Post Code

Please pay to :

Nat West Bank plc. 69 Bridge Street, Worksop, Notts. S80 1DG

Account Name : Shireoaks PCC St. Luke's

Account Number : 82017581 Sort Code : 60-24-30

Monthly Quarterly Half Yearly Yearly payments of :-

£

Pounds

p

Starting on the

day of

2012

And continue these payments until further notice.

(Please choose a start date at least one month from today to allow time for processing)

Date

Signed

This Standing Order replaces any existing Standing Order payable to the same recipient with effect from the above starting date.