

## Our Church in the Community

All Saints' Weston church has been the center of worship in the Weston Green community since its dedication in 1939. Its architect was Sir Edward Maufe who designed Guildford Cathedral. The church is open during daylight hours and many different people come to sit, pray and enjoy the peace of God. It is the spiritual home of the community as well as for our regular churchgoers.

The church buildings include a hall with modern facilities, which is used for meetings and events within the community. We look forward to the future with great hope, but the future is in our hands. The buildings cost money to maintain and although they appear to be in good condition at present major repair costs occur from time to time. The responsibility for paying for the work, ministry and mission of All Saints belongs to all of us.

## Funds we receive

For 2009 we expect to receive £1,900 per week from standing orders, regular giving in envelopes together with tax recoveries, other donations and the surplus on running the hall, the parish magazine advertisements and investment income.

## How is our money spent?

Each parish pays an amount to the Diocese. This 'parish share' is our single greatest expense. For 2009 it will amount to £1,342 per week. This covers the cost of having our own vicar, but in addition our diocese assists poorer parishes and provides wider resources for mission and church education.

In addition we have to pay the costs of a parish office (including an administrator and equipment), an organist, building maintenance, insurance and heating in order to provide a warm, safe and welcoming church. These will amount to £783 per week. It should be remembered that we receive no income from central government, the Church Commissioners or from the Church of England., centrally or regionally, to help fund our parish.

## Outward Giving

The Bible teaches us to be thankful to God and generous to others, so we aim to give some of our income to those who suffer hardship. Each year we agree a small number of specific charities to whom we donate funds. We also organise charitable fundraising events and give the proceeds to our designated charities.

## Church Building

Just as in the upkeep of an ordinary home, much of our income is spent running the church, so at present we are unable to "put away" funds for future major repairs to the church buildings. In fact we need to be in a position to put aside about £150 per week.

## Aim

Responding to God and furthering the work of his kingdom means that we want to ensure that we have the resources not only to pay for the necessities and cost increases we know about but also to finance projects to widen our role in the community. For all this we need a steady increase to our income.

We are also seeking help in terms of any skills or time that parishioners or others in the community may be able to offer the church. All the work done by members of All Saints' is voluntary and this reduces our expenses. Please talk to one of the Church Wardens if you are able assist. Being Christian means we respond to God's generosity to us with our own generosity.

## What can you do?

Everyone who comes to church needs to give regularly to God's work as it is being carried out on their behalf. It helps if the church knows the level of giving it can rely upon.

## How can you help?

The Church will always be here for you regardless of whether you give or not. The church is the people and not the building. However the building and services we offer are a visible sign of God's love for all of us. What you give is a matter between you and God, but members of All Saints, those living in this area and visitors to All Saints need to share this responsibility.

## When should you give?

It helps us to plan if you join the promised giving scheme, by using a standing order, envelopes or by 'Give as you Earn' so that the giving is on a regular basis.

## Tax Recovery

For those donors who pay income tax, for every £1 donated to All Saints', an additional 28p of tax can be recovered from the Inland Revenue. You need do nothing except complete the appropriate form.

## Gifts and legacies

If you have recently benefited from an inheritance or bonus at work, would you consider a single donation to the church under the 'Gift Aid' scheme? If it is not possible to increase giving now, please consider donating to All Saints through a legacy as part of your will arrangements. Some recent donations have been used to provide improvements to the parish office equipment and in our work for the children in our Junior Church.

## Forms and documents

The Treasurer has gift aid and standing order forms, envelopes, and other documents which will help you make whatever donations you deem appropriate. For advice or documents the Treasurer can be contacted via the parish office (020 8398 1849). The Church Wardens are always in the church on Sunday mornings if you wish to speak with them.



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## What does our church cost?

## A guide to giving and how you can help

**To Live in Christ,  
To Love One Another,  
To Share the Good News**