

## My Gift

To:  
**Financial Administrator (Private & Confidential)**  
**St Ebbe's Church,**  
**Oxford, OX1 1QE**  
**Email: [finance@stebbes.org](mailto:finance@stebbes.org)**

Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr.....

Full Name: .....

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### MY GIFT (✓)

- I enclose a cheque/charity voucher/cash for £..... (Payable to PCC of St Ebbe's Church, Oxford)
- I have arranged a bank transfer of £..... (See bank details below)

### GIVE.NET (online giving)

Use a debit or credit card to give via this link:

**[give.net/StEbbesOxford](https://give.net/StEbbesOxford)**

### MY REGULAR GIFT (✓)

- I want to make a new regular gift of £..... every .....  
Please send me a Standing Order form
- I have set up/changed a Standing Order to £..... every .....

### GIFT AID (✓)

- My gift is eligible for Gift Aid and I have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration for St Ebbe's Church.
- My gift is eligible for Gift Aid – please send me a Gift Aid Declaration to complete.
- My gift is not eligible for Gift Aid.

#### Our Bank Details:

If you would prefer to make a payment directly to our bank account, our details are:

PCC of St Ebbe's Church, Oxford  
Barclays Bank PLC (sort code 20-65-18)  
Account number 00729507

Please quote "GDay" and your name as the reference.

## Thank You

*Your privacy is important to us and we will treat the personal data you give us in line with UK data protection law. You can find out more about how we use your data from our Privacy Notice, available on our website.*

# Gift Day

## Sunday 25th November

We hold two Gift Days each year, in May and November, in response to God's goodness to us. They offer us an opportunity to carefully consider our own giving, and to respond to the needs of St Ebbe's church, so that we may continue to reach out, build up and send out.

As we draw towards the end of the year and review our finances we are astounded at how our Lord has continued to provide for our financial needs, through the generous giving of his people.

At our Gift Day in May nearly £120,000 was given for our General Fund, to undertake some roofing repairs and to pay this year's Building for Growth bills. We have also had a wonderful response in increased regular giving following our appeal in April and some unexpected one-off gifts.

Whilst it is disappointing that we have not yet been able to appoint a minister to lead our new Cowley church plant, this does mean that our expenditure has not been as high as expected. Taken together these things mean that our General Fund is a lot healthier than we expected, and that's reflected in our lower than anticipated Gift Day target for one-off gifts, but with challenges ahead.

## Our Gift Day target is £40,000

There are two areas that comprise this target:

1. £30,000 for the necessary drainage and gutter work to keep damp away from the church floor at the west end. We have recently received planning and faculty approval for this work, and the Church Council has given approval for it to go ahead.

2. £10,000 towards our regular expenditure. This would mean that we ended 2018 having met our costs and also recovered from the substantial planned shortfall in 2017 from additional general costs during our building project.

If you are able, this Gift Day please consider making a gift to St Ebbe's to help achieve this target.

## 2019 & Regular Giving

St Ebbe's finances will look rather different in 2019.

The Lord has provided wonderfully for the new staff costs at the Cowley plant – this gave the PCC confidence to proceed with recruitment. However, regular giving for the other operating costs at Cowley is not fully in place. Furthermore, we know that some larger sacrificial donations will not be repeated and that over the summer some faithful givers have moved away from Oxford.

This means that we are praying for the Lord to provide an increase in regular monthly giving of about 7% from its current level. This would meet our regular costs during the year without the need for exceptional Gift Day targets.

Accordingly, our challenge continues to be to seek to increase the amount of regular giving we receive each month and on which we can prudently plan.

- ❖ You may have recently moved to Oxford and St Ebbe's and have not yet started to give regularly.
- ❖ You may have meant to start giving as part of your Christian discipleship but have never got around to it.
- ❖ Your circumstances may have changed and it would be right to match that with a change in your current giving.
- ❖ Our Lord may be challenging you to give back a greater proportion of your income, whether to St Ebbe's or other ministries.
- ❖ You may now be able to Gift Aid your giving, increasing its value to us by 25%.

We are very grateful for the many who have already increased their monthly giving this year.

**We invite each member of our congregations to take careful, prayerful, consideration of this challenge and to respond accordingly.**

Please prayerfully consider the challenge and opportunity of this Gift Day and respond by completing the 'tear-off' form overleaf and return it with your gift at one of our Gift Day services on **Sunday 25th November** (or as soon as possible afterwards), or email your response to [finance@stebbes.org](mailto:finance@stebbes.org).

## Building for Growth: Church Kitchen

During this year we have been working on plans to extend and refurbish our kitchen area, to make it more suitable for the vast array of food that it provides and the wonderful volunteers who use it nearly every day. We expect to know very shortly how much this will cost. We already have some money set aside for this and plan to appeal for the remaining funds at our May Gift Day next year.

We can also expect to appeal to meet some one-off costs in 2019 for getting the Cowley building ready for its new congregation.

## Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer Gift Aid is a means by which the value of your gift to St Ebbe's can increase by 25% without any additional cost to you. If you are eligible, please tick the appropriate box on the response slip overleaf.

## More Information

Please ask Trevor Rayment (Treasurer), Andy Menary (Church Manager) or email [finance@stebbes.org](mailto:finance@stebbes.org).

The response slip includes options for online card giving if that is helpful for you.

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