

My Gift

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

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

Full Name:

Home Address:

Post Code: Phone:

Email:

MY GIFT (✓)

- I enclose a cheque/charity voucher 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/StEGDay

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.

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Gift Day

Sunday 19th May

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.

In 2018 our Lord provided for our financial needs through the generous giving of his people and brought St Ebbe's back to a level place. We are so very grateful that across our two Gift Days last year over £185,000 was given.

Last year the shortfall in our general funds, arising from extra costs during the Building for Growth project, was repaid to the reserves, and funds were provided for both a minister for Cowley and essential building repairs on Cowley (fire protection & roofing) and Downtown (drainage).

God's generosity and clear guidance in 2018 has challenged us to go forward in 2019 in faith to complete the Building for Growth project and to plant a congregation in Cowley in the autumn of this year.

Our Gift Day target is £150,000

This target is made of two parts:

1. **£75,000** towards our regular expenditure in 2019 to enable us to meet the operations costs Downtown and at Cowley.
2. **£75,000** towards the renovation of the Church Centre kitchen and the start-up costs of the new church in Cowley

Details on each of these elements follow overleaf.

Please prayerfully consider this significant target and, if able, make a gift.

Regular Expenditure

Our regular income does not meet our ongoing expenditure. For 2019 we will have new costs at Cowley, but only modest changes to our other costs. Our income forecasts for 2019 include a 10% increase from the current level of regular monthly giving, but this would still leave a shortfall which will need to be met through £75,000 at this Gift Day and a similar sum in November.

Last spring many undertook a concerted review of their regular giving to St Ebbe's, which was hugely encouraging for our PCC as they considered the possibilities at Cowley. **We are once again asking for increased and new regular giving.** A further review of regular giving towards the **10% increase**, and this Gift Day target can only be the Lord's work in our hearts.

Building for Growth: Church Kitchen

As the final stage of our Building for Growth project, we have committed to refurbish the existing kitchen and to creating a new washroom in part of the former ground floor creche. This will provide us with facilities suitable for the range and volume of catering necessary.

Work will start at the beginning of June and conclude in August. The total cost will be £150,000, for which we have already received donations of £50,000 and have agreed that a proportion can come from our reserves (to be replenished over time).

Cowley

Through the generosity of The Littlegate Trust in purchasing the former URC building in Cowley, gifts received last year and money set aside by the PCC, we have funds sufficient to make the new building safe and secure, including some significant works to the roof.

In addition, we would dearly like to help the new church to get off to a really good start and pay for important initial costs, such as interior decoration, equipment, carpets etc. We already have £5,000 available for this but would like to be more generous in our support for the new Cowley congregation and ensure that they lack for nothing necessary.

We invite each member of St Ebbe's to take careful, prayerful, consideration of this challenge and to respond accordingly.

£150,000 at Gift Day

10% increase in regular giving

Please prayerfully consider the challenge and opportunity of this Gift Day and respond by completing the 'tear-off' form overleaf and returning it with your gift at one of our Gift Day services on **Sunday 19th May** (or as soon as possible afterwards), or email your response confidentially to finance@stebbes.org.

Overall, our hope is that during 2019 our major Building for Growth project will be completed and the Cowley building set up as is needed, so that we can move ahead from building stuff to building Christ's church.

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.

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

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