

Giving and Funding News – October 2020

Giving and Funding Information and Resources

We regularly update our Giving and Funding Latest webpage, usually weekly, so do check regularly for information on funding, webinars to help churches, etc:

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/latest-giving-and-fundraising-news/>

There is a wide range of resources on our Christian Giving and Funding webpages to help you increase income for your church, through planned giving, online giving, Gift Aid, funding for capital and revenue projects, etc: <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/>

Online Giving, Legacy and Funding Webinars

The National Stewardship Team at the Church of England is holding a number of one-hour Online Giving webinars, covering setting up and receiving online donations, encouraging online donations and communicating with your community:-

Online Giving webinar 5 November 2020 12.00 noon [book webinar](#)

Online Giving webinar 8 December 2020 11.00 am [book webinar](#)

You can still [watch the Online Giving webinar](#) that was recorded on 12 May 2020.

Legacy webinars for parishes have been arranged for:-

Legacy webinar 15 October 2020 2.00 pm [book legacy webinar](#)

Legacy webinar 3 November 2020 11.30 am [book legacy webinar](#)

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group has recorded a [church fundraising webinar](#) including lots of tips and advice for churches.

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Easyfundraising – October prize draw

As a diocese, we have partnered with fundraising website, easyfundraising and we want to encourage all parishes in Bath & Wells to register, to open up a whole new income stream for your church, through online shopping and direct donations.

Easyfundraising is currently running a competition – until 30 October any church in Bath & Wells which registers with easyfundraising will be entered into a [prize draw](#) to win £100 for your church, plus both new and previously registered Bath & Wells churches will receive additional entries into the

draw each time an individual raises a retailer donation for your church by shopping through easyfundraising.

If you have not already selected a provider for online giving, we recommend easyfundraising. It takes very little time to set up with “How to . . .” guides and information on the website:

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/online-fundraising-and-donations/easyfundraising/>.

If you have not yet registered, you can do so at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bath-and-wells>.

For further help or advice, please contact Gary or Sue (contact details below).

Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme as churches reopen

HMRC has confirmed that, where churches normally make use of the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) in relation to small gifts given in weekly envelopes, it is happy to accept Gift Aid claims for separate weekly envelopes containing £30 or less given when Church buildings re-open or multiple gifts given in one envelope with a declaration stating how much was donated each week and the relevant dates.

Generosity Week

The national church has produced some Generosity Week resources, which can be used over the course of a week at any time during the autumn, to encourage people to live generously. Some of you may have already used these materials as part of your Harvest celebrations – a time to gather what we have, to thank God for all he has given us, to think and reflect on what God is calling us to create.

However, they are designed for use at any time. We hope your church will join in and share this time to grow our understanding of God’s generosity and how it enriches our daily lives.

The Generosity Week includes a week of free resources running from Sunday to Sunday:-

- Service Content packs with a range of materials for two Sunday services, one on generosity and one on gratitude
- Liturgy for a week’s morning prayer services for services in person or online
- 8 daily audio reflection podcasts for congregation members
- A small group study session with a guide for leaders, including a Biblical reflection and discussion questions based on the material from one of the Sunday services.

The resources are available at <https://www.parishresources.org.uk/generosity-week-harvest/>.

Gift Aid Declarations by email or phone

It is possible to collect a donor’s Gift Aid declaration when the donation is made online or over the phone without having to post a hard copy Gift Aid declaration form – you can ask donors to make Gift Aid declarations by email, online or verbally by phone.

The national church has produced guidance at outlining how to take Gift Aid declarations over the phone, online and via email. It includes details on what information you need to request from the donor to fill in a declaration on their behalf, and what information you must include when submitting a declaration to HMRC.

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/3a-Gift-Aid-Gift-Aid-Declarations-verbal-and-email.pdf>

Funding alerts

We now provide weekly funding alerts on our website highlighting several funds currently accepting applications. These include COVID-19 specific recovery funds to support churches engaging with social projects to address need, as well as alerts for revenue and capital funds currently accepting applications. Why not set a reminder to visit the website each week, especially useful if your church is actively seeking funding for projects. Details are usually updated by Friday.

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/stewardship/latest-giving-and-fundraising-news/>.

As always, funding advice for your project is available from Gary (contact details below).

Virtual fundraising events

During this time of not physically meeting for social events with our church communities, why not organise some virtual fundraising events? These can be a great way for churches to raise money creatively and offer people an easy way to support their local church, as well as to have a bit of fun and see some friendly faces. Here are some suggestions for virtual fundraising events: <https://www.parishresources.org.uk/giving/virtual-fundraising-events/>.

Keep in touch through Twitter

Keep in touch with Gary through his Giving and Funding Twitter account – follow me @GaryW_GAFA.

General advice for churches

We are here to help. We can assist you with issues around giving, help with Planned Giving Reviews, obtain details of suitable grant making trusts and support you with applications for both revenue and capital projects. Please get in touch.

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