



HTBARNES

VISION & STEWARDSHIP - 2015

**This leaflet explains more about
individual stewardship,
our financial situation this year
and our longer term vision for the future.**

**“Be part of it!”
(1 Cor 12:12)**

*If after reading it you have any questions,
please speak to:*

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WHY GIVE?

Our God is a gracious and generous God. Everything we have comes from Him, and giving back to Him acknowledges His goodness and our dependence on Him. We believe giving to God's work, through both the local church and other organisations, is an important part of Christian discipleship. While the New Testament doesn't provide specific guidelines on what to give, other than 'rich generosity' (2 Cor 8:2) we believe the Old Testament pattern of starting at a tenth of income is a helpful one. We encourage regular giving, and the church aims to give away a tenth of what it receives through regular and occasional donations.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9)

HOW WE USE YOUR GIFTS

- The Church of England is generally funded by local churches paying a 'Fairer Share' to their diocese (in our case Southwark) who then pay the stipend (salary & pension costs) of a vicar & curate. As a Church Plant we are unusual in that despite paying our Fairer Share, we also have to pay David's stipend. Yearly increases to our Fairer Share (which is assessed on the potential giving of a congregation) have been capped for the next year (2015), but the diocese are looking for our model to be the norm across SW London in future years.
- The PCC also employs an Operations Manager, Operations Assistant and Worship Pastor (all are part time posts). In addition we financially support Jess Jackson (our children's worker) in her studies at St Mellitus.
- In line with our vision statement, we supported Rev Jon Kissell, vicar at St Georges, Tolworth as a 'Church Graft' until June last year.
- Hospitality is one of our values (*Rom 12:13*) and we believe in providing resources for it. For instance, we have found the Alpha Course to be amazingly successful as a catalyst to changing lives and challenging faith. Running it in the 'neutral' space of Spoonful Café is very effective, but the four courses this year can cost nearly £200 a week.
- We are Landlords of the Castelnau Community Centre, but refund nearly 40% of rent back to them to enable them to work in our community.
- The nursery that rented our hall decided not to renew their lease and has now closed. We are currently investigating the possibility of redeveloping the hall to better meet our needs and while there is uncertainty around the timing of this, we feel that it would be wrong for both parents and staff to approach a new nursery to rent the space. We anticipated this possibility in our budget – but previous rental generated over £32k a year. *When plans for our new church hall are agreed, any fundraising will be undertaken as a standalone project.*

- We launched the 16:30 afternoon service on 28th September 2014. With greater use of our church comes more running costs! We anticipate that just heating and lighting our church this year will cost around £6k.

- It is with great excitement that we can announce that Rev Adam Rylett will be joining us as **Associate Vicar** just after Easter 2015.



Some will know him as a previous Youth Pastor at HTRichmond, but he has now fully completed his training and curacy in Croydon and we anticipate that he will help us to grow and lead a new church plant in a few years time. As well as funding his salary and associated costs, we need to provide him, Gen and his family (Hannah, Reuben and Phoebe) with accommodation – preferably within a close distance to church. This obviously represents a substantial financial commitment for HTBarnes.

- Over the last year, in response to a 'Gift Day', amongst other things, we gave a grant of £10k to the Vineyard Community Centre in Richmond and we sponsored Siobhan Burn working in Lowther School as part of the Riverbank charity. For various reasons beyond our control, this placement is not possible for 2015. The PCC are keen to ensure that we continue to use a proportion of our income to support need outside our immediate church.

The majority of our income is raised through donations from church members.

It may be that since joining our church: you have not yet transferred your stewardship across to us, or you may never have considered making a regular financial commitment to the work of a church, or you may like to take this opportunity to review your giving.

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

HOW CAN I GIVE?

The majority of our funding comes from regular giving from our congregation in the following ways:

- **Standing Order**

By far the easiest way to give is by monthly bank standing order. This also allows us to plan and set budgets each year and is administratively much easier. If you are a tax payer, we can also claim around 25% extra as Gift Aid. If you'd like to start giving in this way, all the necessary forms/instructions are in a green pack on the Welcome Desk.

- **Freewill Envelope Scheme**

Although we don't have a regular 'collection' on a Sunday, there is a basket near the door where you can if you wish, leave donations in a white Gift Aid Envelope.

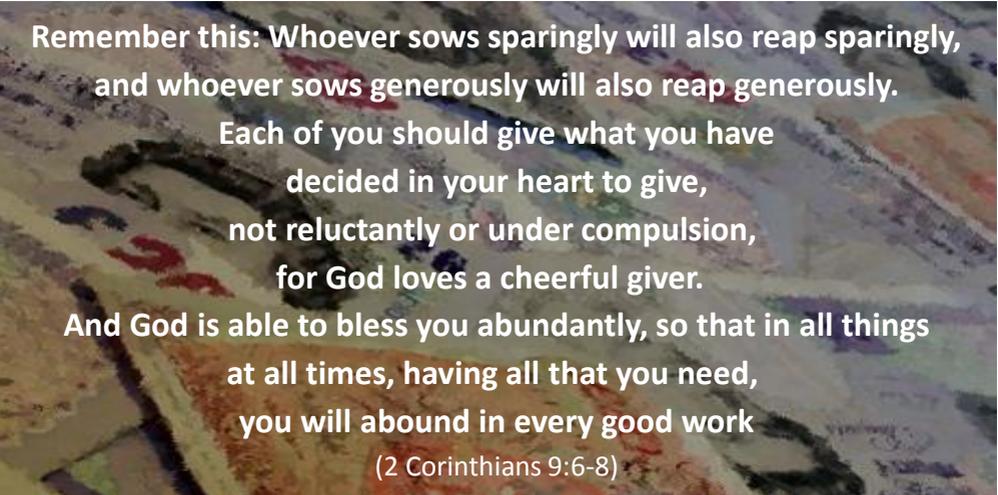
- **One-off Donations**

Regular donations help us with our financial planning, but we are also very pleased to receive one-off payments.

WHAT NEXT?

If you would like to start supporting God's work at Holy Trinity Barnes financially, or you wish to change your current level of support, or you would like further advice or information, please speak to one of the people listed on the front of this leaflet.

The Stewardship Packs (Green Fronted) containing all the information you need are on the Welcome Desk.



Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Each of you should give what you have
decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things
at all times, having all that you need,
you will abound in every good work

(2 Corinthians 9:6-8)