

# HOW MUCH TO GIVE?

**We are all different; so are our circumstances. There is no easy answer and we must make our own decisions. But here are some things to consider.**

First, our giving needs to be realistic; addressing the needs of The Priory, so we can pay our bills and maintain our church for today and tomorrow.

Second, our giving makes possible the life, ministry and growth of our church. Without it we could not be a living church serving our community.

Third, generosity is part of our Christian faith. As we freely give to our loved ones so we give generously to God, honouring God and saying thank you for all that God graciously bestows upon us.

Fourth, good giving needs planning and must be a priority. Practically, this may mean giving by regular Standing Order (monthly, quarterly or annually) or using contactless solutions to set up regular automatic giving...and if paying UK income tax, making a Gift Aid declaration. One off donations are most welcome using our card machine at the Donorpoint, our SumUp "Collectin" by the South Door or with cash (in yellow envelopes to Gift Aid it) into the perspex globe or Sunday collection plate.

**And finally, good giving should be really practical. If everyone could increase their giving this will help as we all work to make sure that our income keeps pace with expenditure. Enabling The Priory to live out our vision as a Beacon of Christian Spirituality.**

We are all different. Some will be able to give more while for others this may not be possible: **what might you be able to do?**

If you would like to know more about ways to give to Cartmel Priory, Gift Aiding, contactless, or legacies, please contact our treasurer Dr Fiona Smith [cartmelpriorytreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:cartmelpriorytreasurer@gmail.com)

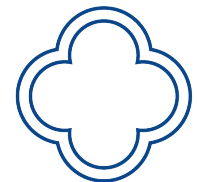
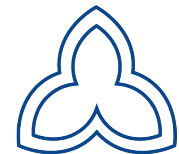
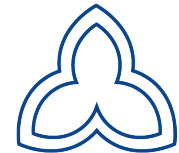
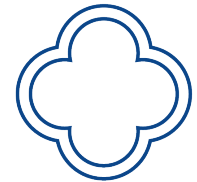
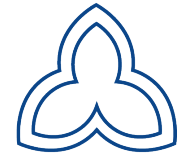
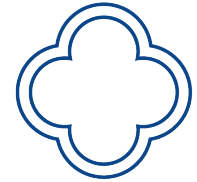


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Stewardship Sunday 2022



## PAST YEAR

Thanks to your giving, over the last year our church has had a huge impact:

During 2022 Cartmel Priory was enabled to -

- emerge from a global pandemic, offering support and solace to all members of our community
- reach out to young people in the local area, engaging them with the spirituality and history embodied in the very stones of our ancient building
- offer a place to celebrate, to contemplate, to be with one another in friendship and worship.

Thank you for your engagement; willingness to commit your time, skills and abilities - and of course your generous giving.

## PRESENT SITUATION

**The money we give makes possible the ministry of this church. It is that simple.**

The Priory's outgoings, just to stand still, approach **£3000.00 per week**. This pays for the work of ministry, worship and service and covers basics such as electric, gas insurance and building maintenance and cleaning.

Please remember that post-pandemic The Priory receives no Government or external charitable funding. We entirely rely on your donations to pay for the day to day costs of our many and varied ministries.

*"This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgivings to God." - 2 Cor 9:12*

## PLANS FOR OUR FUTURE

We want our life and ministry to grow and develop and this year we see the following as our key priorities:

- new toilets, new kitchen and the creation of a 'warm space' - much needed amenities.
- continuing to reach out to all age groups in our community, building their connections to the Priory.
- reimagining the Priory as a destination for visitors, to engage a wider circle of support and to secure our future.

*"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self control." - Gal 5:22*

## PLANNING OUR INCOME

**Can you help as we meet the challenges of our current situation?**

As we seek to find the 'new normal' after the impact of the global pandemic our income is not keeping pace with current outgoings. Our treasurer is forecasting a deficit for this year of £30,000. This potentially will have a detrimental impact upon our reserves.

With the largest share of income generated from our congregation, as a PCC we are asking if you are able to increase your weekly giving?

