

Rooted and Grounded

How you can help by joining our
Planned Giving scheme



St Peter's
Parish Church

LIMPSFIELD

**An invitation to play your part in the
future of St Peter's**

A message from our Rector

How do we best respond to the gifts that we have been given?

Thank you very much to those of you who are already part of our planned giving scheme. Those who aren't, please would you consider it and join in?

Every year we pledge money to our Diocese of Southwark (the Parish Support Fund). Much of our parish support fund pledge goes to meet our own costs. The balance mostly goes to help sustain parish churches and clergy across more deprived parts of South London and East Surrey.

I know from my own experience both the blessings that we find through giving generously, and also that there are times when we can't give more financially.

So I want to emphasise that this is not to make you, or any of us, feel guilty, but an invitation and request for you to consider this leaflet and respond however you can, please.

With gratitude for your giving financially and in other ways, and for all that these things make possible in the life and work of the church.

God bless.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James".

Rev James Percival
Rector of Limpsfield & Titsey



The annual cost of our church

Each year our church will cost around £185,000 to run*

This cost is split between:

Church Management including clergy and staff salaries, pensions, housing.

Church Activities including church and churchyard maintenance, ministry and music.

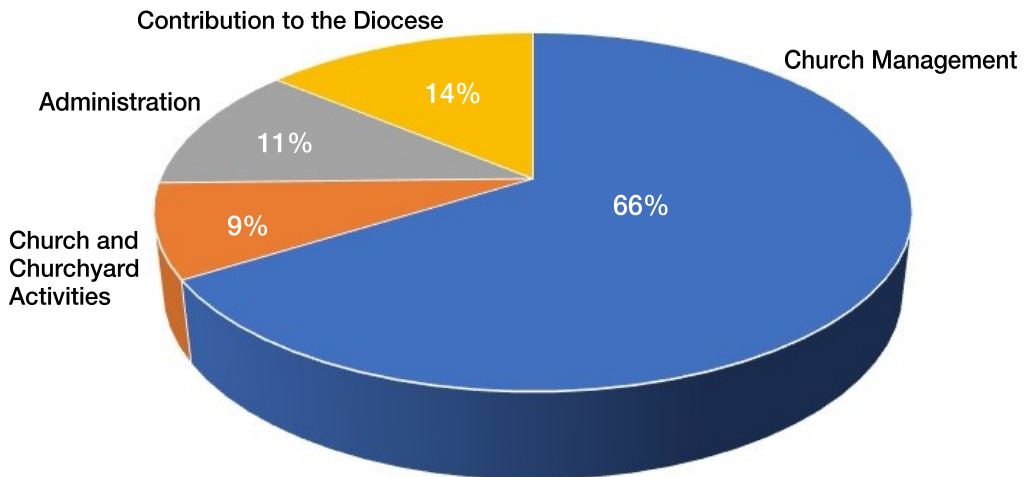
Administration including general running costs (heating, lighting, insurance, repairs), administrative and office costs, donations and sundries.

Parish Support Fund - Our contribution to the Diocese that goes towards helping poorer parishes across parts of South London and East Surrey. We benefit in many ways through the oversight and care of our diocese.

*Cost of running the church in 2017

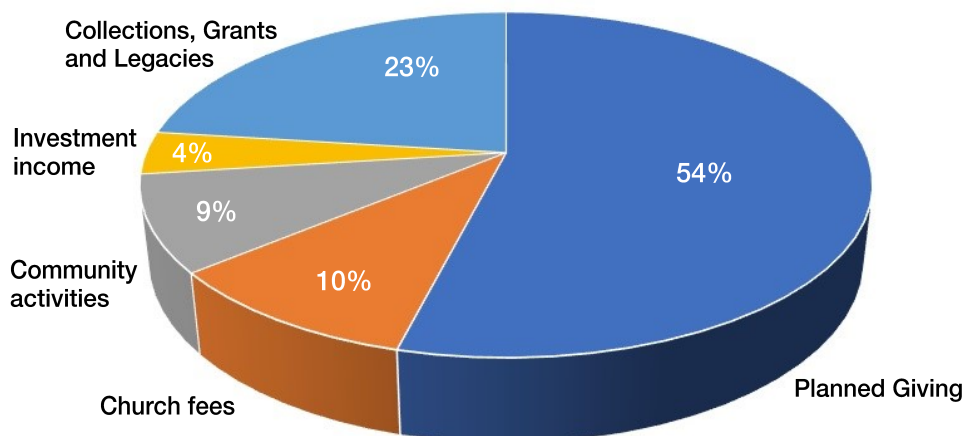


In 2017 our Diocesan Pledge was £123,000 which was split up between our direct Parish costs and our contribution to Diocese to help poorer parishes.



How we raise our income

- Planned Giving, including the Gift Aid we can recover, provides the largest percentage of our income
- Church fees from weddings, funerals and other events including our annual Village Fete.
- Community activities including income from the Church Hall, Glebe Meadow and Parish News.
- Investment income
- Collections, Grants and Legacies



Total annual income: £191,000*

Not everyone realises that as a church we rely entirely on the financial generosity of those who value our community work, activities for all ages, pastoral care and worship, to keep going. A healthy parish seeks to cover its essential outgoings from basic regular giving.

*Costs based on 2017 figures



How you can help

Regular giving

The preferred method is the planned giving scheme: amounts pledged are normally paid directly to the bank on a monthly basis. This means that we know how much to expect each month, making budgeting easier and it is also more secure.

Gift Aid

Those who pay income tax may opt to have their donations covered by Gift Aid. The result is that every £1 donated enables our Treasurer to claim 25p back from Inland Revenue.

This year we want to increase our Planned Giving by £18,000

You are invited to begin or renew your financial commitment to St Peter's.

Not currently giving?

If you are not currently giving regularly, would you consider setting up a standing order to help us achieve our target?

We could achieve our £18,000 target this year (with Gift Aid added) if:

| extra people | gave a month | a week |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 10 | £120 | £30 |
| 20 | £60 | £15 |
| 25 | £48 | £12 |
| 30 | £40 | £10 |
| 50 | £24 | £6 |
| 75 | £16 | £4 |

Please begin by looking at the top of the table and work your way to a place that feels both comfortable and challenging to you. Your contribution will make a real difference.

Already giving?

Thank you. If you are able to increase your gift please talk to your bank and amend your standing order, or contact our Treasurer who can give you any information you need.

St Peter's vision 2018-2023:

to be a beacon, shining as a light



Your support will help us to maintain and develop the life and work of St Peter's, open and available to all people in Limpsfield and beyond.

'St Peter's is a caring family, at the heart of our village, that shares each other's joys and sorrows and is a bedrock of our lives.'

- David Bell





‘[St Peter’s] to me is a place where I received a warm and non-judgemental welcome, feel part of a community and somewhere that gives me time for reflection and peace.’ - Charlotte Twomey



‘St Peter’s offers us a place to celebrate life (and at times, to mourn death), to give thanks and enjoy time with our fellow neighbours in wonderful surroundings.’ - Lindsey Dunbar

How you can respond

- If you are not already part of the Planned Giving scheme, please think realistically and prayerfully about what you could give and afford.
- If you are already part of the Planned Giving Scheme, please consider if you could increase your regular contribution.
- If you would like to help, please complete our Standing Order form or set this up directly with your bank.
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please remember to complete the separate Gift Aid declaration.
- You can return your form to the Parish Office, High Street, Limpsfield, Surrey RH8 0DR
- You can also set up regular giving and give a one-off donation through our online giving page:
<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/stpeterschurchlimpsfield>

Please note that even if you set up a standing order directly with your bank we will still need the standing order form sent back so that we can claim Gift Aid on your donation.

Confidentiality

All information about donations is totally confidential and known only to our Treasurer and Gift Aid Secretary.

Thank you!

Prayer

You may find the following prayer useful:

O generous Father
giver of all good gifts, we thank you for our church life and all that this means to us.

O generous Son
who said it is more blessed to give than to receive, may we respond with generous hearts to the needs of our church.

O generous Spirit
Pour your blessings upon our Stewardship Initiative that our church may be strengthened for its future ministry and mission.
Amen

'My hope for the future of St Peter's is that it will thrive, grow and engage all ages, being a beacon for faith, shining God's love for us all.'

- Paul Budgen, Churchwarden and SPA



Every donation is important and will be very much appreciated.
Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet. If you have any questions or would like further advice, please contact our treasurer David Stewart who will be happy to help:
Email: davidpstewart@sky.com or call the Parish Office on the number below.

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