



How do you fit into the St Luke's Jigsaw Puzzle?

A jigsaw puzzle is never complete unless every piece is present. Likewise the church is not complete unless everyone can take part, by being involved in church life through gifts of their time, abilities, and money.

In 2007 we finished the year with a deficit on the General Fund of £1400, and this year it is likely that we will have a much larger deficit, caused mainly by substantial increases in energy costs and a slight year-on-year drop in Planned Giving. If we are going to complete the puzzle in 2009 we need to do all we can to both control costs and increase our income.

Virtually all regular members of our congregation are also members of our Planned Giving scheme, and if you are one of these, then thank you for your continued support. But if you are not, perhaps because you are new to St Luke's, or because you were unable to make a commitment before, then please prayerfully consider starting to give in this way, since it makes it a great deal easier for us to plan our activities.

And for everyone, whether established giver or newcomer, now is the time to consider what you will be able to give to St Luke's in 2009.

Where does the money go?

We will spend about £1,630 per week from the General Fund running St Luke's in 2009, of which £980 will be for the Parish Share. Most of this money is used to pay and house the clergy, and support them in their ministry, but it also funds a number of other activities at Diocesan level, such as supporting church schools, contributions to the national church, and training new clergy, as well as helping other parishes that are much less fortunate than us.

The remaining £650 per week will be used to heat, light, and insure the church, pay for running the church office, and cover the costs of providing the church's music.

How much should I give?

The amount you give is a decision for you alone, but to guide your thinking the current range of giving is from about 75p up to £60.00 per week (£3120 per year). Adopting the traditional concept of tithing, in which a proportion, typically in the range 5 to 10% of income is given, a good starting point might be 5% of take-home income.

What next?

Once you have decided on the level of giving that is appropriate for you, please complete the form overleaf to join or continue your membership of the Planned Giving scheme in 2009.



Contact Details...

Name:

Tel No..... e-mail:



Pledge...

I would like to start/continue* to support St. Luke's in 2009 through the following pledge:-

REGULAR GIVING

	Weekly Envelope Scheme	£_____ per week	and*
	Bank Standing Order	£_____ per month	and*
	Bank Standing Order or Cheque	£_____ per quarter	and*
	Bank Standing Order or Cheque	£_____ per year	

(*Please delete as applicable)

If you would like to use weekly envelopes then we will forward them to you, and if you use a new or changed Standing Order then we will send you the form for you to sign and forward to your bank. Any cheques should be made payable to "St. Luke's PCC"

SINGLE DONATION

This year we would particularly welcome single donations in addition to regular giving pledges, to help us reduce the size of the deficit. If you would like to give this way then please make your cheque payable to "St. Luke's PCC" and return it with this form.

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If You Are A Taxpayer...

Please tick the box if you are a taxpayer and you intend that this pledge be given under the Gift Aid scheme so that for every £1.00 you give the taxman adds an extra 28p, at no further cost to you.

Thank you...

...for reading this form. Once completed, please return it in the supplied envelope either to the box at the back of church or directly to:

Adrian Quick
Stewardship Recorder
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Maidenhead
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SL6 7YT

We will give thanks for all that has been promised at our 10.00am service on Sunday 7th December 2008.