

Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.



Would you consider leaving a gift in your will to St Mary the Virgin? This is a practical way of saying 'thank you' to God for all the blessings we have enjoyed during our lives. It enables us to make a lasting contribution to our church and helps secure the work of our parish for future generations.

To leave a gift to your church you don't need to make a completely new will; a codicil to your existing will is all you need to do.

You can leave a percentage of your estate to St Mary the Virgin instead of a monetary amount. This means that if your resources reduce, perhaps due to the costs of long-term care, you can still distribute your estate between your family, friends and organisations you wish to support in the proportion you wish.

For more information, please contact the Treasurer, John Isbell, in strictest confidence, or call the Church of England's Legacy Information Line: 08445 870875.

St Mary the Virgin Downe



Making the Response

So that we can continue to plan with confidence how best to support our community in Downe it is important that we know what our income is likely to be, and what practical support we have from our church family.

We are asking everyone who appreciates Mary the Virgin to consider how they can help, and then complete this response form. The form can be returned, sealed in the envelope provided in the response box in church,

or emailed to john.s.isbell@googlemail.com, by Sunday 10 July.

THANKYOU!

How much should I give?

What you give is up to you. Some people feel they can follow the biblical principle of tithing (committing one tenth of income), however we well appreciate that many people are unable to do this. It can be helpful, though, to work out what percentage of your income you give to the church at the moment, and decide whether you can increase the percentage you currently give.

The table below shows what your gift will be at different percentages, if your monthly income is between £400 and £4,800.

Income	£400	£850	£1,300	£1,650	£2,250	£3,500	£4,800
2%	£8	£17	£26	£33	£45	£70	£96
5%	£20	£43	£65	£83	£113	£175	£240
7.5%	£30	£64	£98	£124	£169	£263	£360
10%	£40	£85	£130	£165	£225	£350	£480



St Mary the Virgin, Downe

I am happy to review my giving

This form is confidential and will be opened only by John Isbell, our treasurer.



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

If you are new to Planned Giving and would like to set up a direct debit please join online at www.parishgiving.org.uk, or by phone on 0333 002 1271. If you prefer to join using post please ask John Isbell for a form.

If you are a UK tax payer and don't currently Gift Aid your donation please ask John for a Gift Aid declaration form.

- I will increase my monthly/quarterly/annual* donation to £.....
- *please delete
- I would like to swap my standing order for a Direct Debit with the Parish Giving Scheme.
- I would like to join the Parish Giving Scheme and will set up a new direct debit for £.....
- I would like to make a one-off donation of £
- I have reviewed my current giving and will not be changing.

Name:

Address:.....

..... Postcode:

Tel: Date:

Email:

Thank you for your response