

OUR NEEDS

Have you considered 'giving' as part of your worship?

Giving is a sign of our love. We give to the church:

- Not only because our church needs money – and it does
- But because giving is part of our response to God's generosity

WE NEED at least £1,867 a week to do God's work at St. John's.

We cannot do God's work without **YOUR** regular and **GENEROUS** giving.

Two ways of thinking about your Giving

A. YOUR 'SHARE' OF YOUR CHURCH'S NEEDS

- There are approximately **80 active members** of the congregation at St. John's
- One share of £1,867 is approximately **£23** or just **£19** (a week) if we factor in Gift Aid and other income

We need at least £19 per person per week

B. A PROPORTION OF YOU INCOME

The bible suggests you give **one tenth** of what you receive. Many Christians do give a tenth as a token of their commitment to God's work in the parish. Others are working their way towards a tenth. As a church, we cannot nor would we 'claim' the whole ten percent, your tithe should be offered to God so that His work can be done.

HOW TO DECIDE HOW MUCH TO GIVE

There is no easy formula - we are commanded to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. ***It is no great sacrifice to put someone we love first!***

But it requires a new set of priorities to put God and the ministry of his church first in our finances as we do in our weekly worship when we give the first of the week to God in worship.

What are we asking?

Only three things:

- That you seek God's guidance in prayer
- That during the next few weeks you listen to the Bible teaching and consider increasing your giving
- That if you are paying tax you fill in a gift aid form

HOW SHOULD I PAY?

Either by Banker's Order or in the Weekly stewardship Envelopes.

IF YOU PAY INCOME TAX

Under what is now called **GIFT AID** the church can recover the tax that you paid on your offering from the Inland Revenue.

Every member of the congregation who is paying tax should fill in a **GIFT AID** form.

Make sure that you put your full name, address and postal code on the form. The form covers what you give through banker's order or in the stewardship envelopes.

We are also able to claim back the tax on small or large occasional gifts to the church provided we have a record of the amount you have given.

HOW GIFT AID WORKS

If you give under **GIFT AID**, for every £1 you give, the church is able to claim back from the Inland Revenue 25p income tax.

You give per week	Tax back	Total to church per week	Total to church per annum
£5	£1.25	£6.25	£325
£10	£2.50	£12.50	£650
£20	£5.00	£25.00	£1300
£50	£12.50	£62.50	£3250



St. John's Church

Stewardship Campaign

Autumn 2010

SUNDAY TEACHING

5th Sept
12th Sept
19th Sept
3rd Oct
10th Oct

What?! Just a tenth?
What?! Jesus loves money?
Closed or Open – our choice
Look! - at what God gives!
Look! - Only God makes things grow!

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver

2 Corinthians 9:6

OUR CHURCH

Our giving sustains

our church building-
it is a special place dedicated to
worship, spiritual growth, prayer and witness.

St. John's Church is an essential part of
Baxenden community.

Our giving sustains

our clergy and also parish clergy across the
diocese and trains new clergy.

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parish ministry measured by;
every Sunday service, every ill person visited,
every Sunday school session, every Christian
basics course run, every assembly taken,
every bereaved family comforted, the support
given to St John's school, every baptism
celebrated, every sermon preached, every
communion celebrated, and each person shown
the love of Christ through
our care, comfort and compassion.

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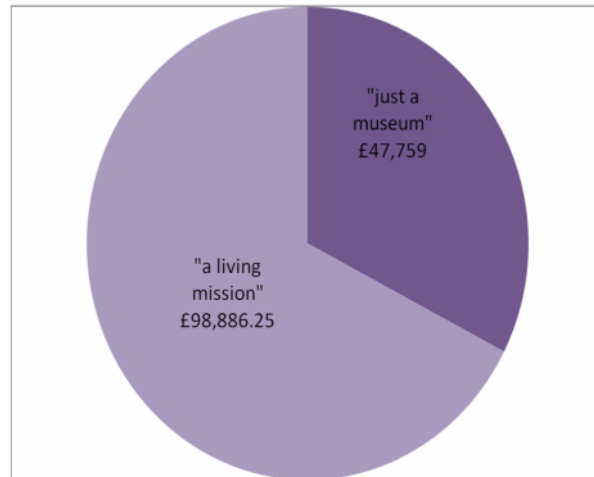
mission both here in this diocese of Blackburn,
and overseas for people we will never meet but
to whom we are able to give practical support
through our ministry of giving.

OUR OPPORTUNITY

Why does a church need money?

Because otherwise we could not 'open' nor could we
serve our community or care for the church family.
Here are 2 pie charts which show what it costs to run
our church and provide our church's ministry.

MUSEUM OR MISSION?



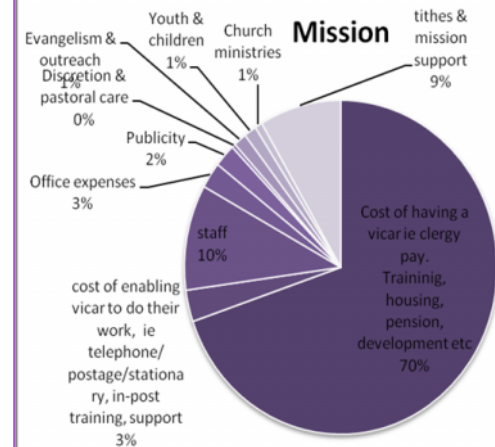
We could choose just to be a 'museum' and only
raise enough to open up on a Sunday.

Or we could choose (and give accordingly) to be a
church that serves God, and so allows for a deepening
spiritual life. This would be shown in the way we give
in order to serve our local community

OUR CHOICE

A living church needs money

This pie chart shows a breakdown of the costs of
providing 'a living mission' at St. John's
(excluding rates, insurance and maintenance).



**What kind of church do you
want?
A museum or a mission?
What kind of church will you
give to?**

