



Giving to the Future Vision

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The Background...

In 2024, Simon and Debbie Dust were appointed to lead St Mark's church as part of a vision to revitalise the church and reach out to the wider community. Over the last two years, we have seen God at work bringing new people into the life of the church, a growing sense of community, mission and love for each other. We have a thriving Missional Community, new children's ministry and a real sense of investment in the vision for St Mark's going forward.

The Need

Over the last few years, Simon and Debbie have been sent out and financially supported by St Andrew's Church to invest in St Mark's ongoing giving for a three-year period. However, this funding will come to an end in May 2027, and we need to urgently put in place a plan for the next season. St Mark's are being asked to prayerfully consider increasing their giving to play their part in making this happen. Your support will enable Simon and Debbie to continue their ministry building up the local church until 2030 when they will be retiring. In order to reach our goal, we need to increase our current giving by **£5,000 per year for the next three years.**

Expected Fruit

- We believe this continued investment will enable us to reach more people with the good news of Jesus Christ in the Bourne End area.
- With Simon and Debbie living in Bourne End we can build more community links and make connections with new people.
- We want to build on our links with local schools, particularly Claytons Primary School.
- We are looking to grow and develop more Missional Communities to grow disciples who make disciples.

The Wider Context

We know that the rising cost of living means these are not easy times in which to give more, start giving, or make a one-off donation.

And yet, we also believe in a God who provides — who calls his people to give not reluctantly or under compulsion, but with open and trusting hearts.



We are not asking you to give beyond your means, rather we are calling us each to prayerfully consider what faithful, trusting generosity looks like for each of us at this moment.

How You Can Help

We believe that **reaching our target of an additional £5,000** will take three kinds of giving and almost certainly all three together:

FAITHFUL giving	FOCUSED giving	FRESH giving
Already giving regularly?	Give a one-off gift?	Haven't given before?
Please prayerfully consider increasing your gift you currently give. Reaching our goal in full will likely also involve some who are able to making an even more sacrificial commitment..	If your pattern is an annual lump-sum gift, please direct it this year towards funding this vision. The more generous your gift, the more sustainable our shared future becomes.	Jesus honoured the widow who gave just two small coins — every gift matters. Even a two-digit monthly gift from those who don't yet give regularly would help us reach our target.

Each of us has a part in making our church vision a reality. Our giving stems from gratitude to God, who has given us everything (1 Chronicles 29:14). For some, giving to the church will be a new and perhaps daunting prospect. Perhaps you have resisted setting up a regular gift because you are not sure you can afford it, or because other financial commitments feel more pressing.

We want to gently encourage you to take a first step. The story of Jesus praising the poor widow who placed two small copper coins in the offering reminds us that even a small amount given sacrificially is seen and recognised by God and is precious to him.

Ultimately our prayer for all of us is that we will reflect the church in Corinth in the New Testament. *'You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.'*

We would really value you taking the time over the coming weeks to think and pray this over. Please return this form to the box available in the church or complete it online at <https://standrewshw.churchsuite.com/-/forms/k2hrsai0> and return it at our Commitment Sunday on 11th October 2026.

'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

(2 Corinthians 9:6-7)



St Mark's Church - Planned Giving Form

Name(s): _____

Tel No: _____ Email: _____

I/We would like to...

- ☐ commence giving £_____ weekly/monthly/annually* (*Please delete as appropriate)
- ☐ increase our giving to £_____ weekly/monthly/annually* (*Please delete as appropriate)
- ☐ Make a one-off gift of £_____

With effect from: dd_____mm_____yyyy_____

Please tick the relevant box to indicate how you wish to give

- ☐ Parish Giving Scheme You can use the leaflet in church or do this online using this QR code for one off gifts or regular giving.
- ☐ Regular bank Standing Order
I/We will set up/amend a Standing order myself/ourselves
- ☐ Other Methods (Including CAF, Sovereign, Give As You Earn)



Gift Aid

If you pay tax on your income, the Church can claim back tax relief on your giving. All we ask you to do is complete the Gift Aid form if you've not done so before. This adds another 25% to your gift so it's very worthwhile.

- ☐ Yes, I'm a UK income taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid my donations
(contact the church office for a gift aid form)

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS GIVING FORM BY 11th October 2026