



# St Mary's Parish Church, Chilham

## Saturday 2nd July

### Gift Day



**Thank you to everyone who has supported our church over the last year, helping to maintain this beautiful building and its service to the community.**

During this past year Chilham church has:

- Held monthly messy church services for local families
- Put on concerts, open days and fundraising events
- Held special festival services as well as the three regular worship services every week
- Provided hospitality and shelter for pilgrims and tourists
- Held numerous christenings, weddings, and funerals
- Been the regular venue for the choir and bell ringers to meet and practice together
- and much more!

**It costs at least £60,000 a year to  
keep the church running  
That's £165 per day!**

In order to keep the church in good condition for worship and wider community use, we know there is costly maintenance that has to take place. Last year the following was undertaken:

- maintenance to the church tower at £35,000;
- tree work in the churchyard to keep them safe and healthy at £6,000;
- addressing the damp in the church building at £5,000.

This year it looks like we may have to re-roof the north aisle and replace or mend one of the bells in the tower, but we can't do this without sufficient funds. Fundraising to keep the church building up and running is an important task for the church, see overleaf for some interesting facts and figures about our income and details of how to give.

We believe that the most significant aspect of the Christian message is to love our neighbours and our community, and we want the church to be a base for community activities and a space people can come to reflect as well as a sacred space for our worship. If you believe Chilham church has a special place in this community we would be so grateful if you would consider making a donation.

*- Chilham St. Mary's PCC.*



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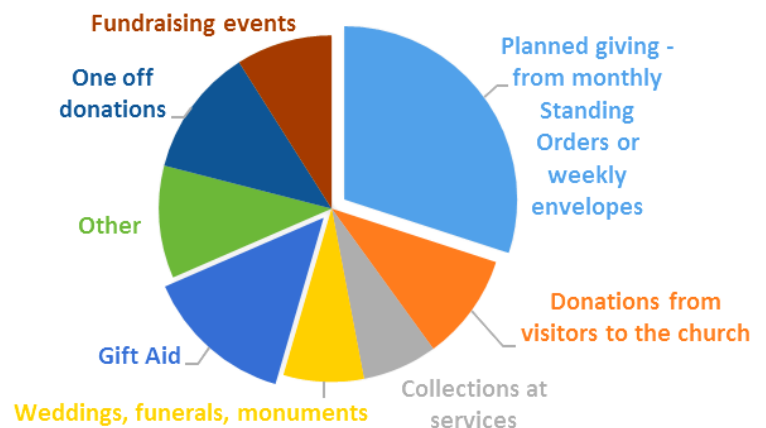
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#### Facts and figures about our church

- We do not receive government funding nor money from the Church of England
- We have to apply for grants, which are not guaranteed to be successful, to take on expensive maintenance work
- If every adult in the parish gave £46 per year the £60,000 cost would be covered, (that's £3.83 per month)
- Gift Aid alone currently makes up 17% of our income

#### TYPES OF INCOME



#### How to give

##### By Bank Transfer

Sort Code: 09-01-55

Account No: 03706183

Bank: Santander, Bridle Road, Bootle, L30 4GB

Please use reference 'Chilham Gift Day'

##### By Cheque or Cash

Made payable to: 'Chilham St Mary PCC'

**Please hand in at the church between 9am-12, Sat 2nd July or bring to the 11am service the following Sunday.**  
Please ensure you Gift Aid your donation if it's eligible.

##### By text

**TO: 70070**

**MESSAGE:  
CHST87 £10**

