

How to Give

By Standing Order

Standing order is the most helpful way to support St James'. It allows us to budget more intelligently and manage our cash flow more effectively.

Either give this form to your bank or use the details below to set up a standing order yourself by the phone or internet.

I wish to set up a standing order of £..... to be paid on the Day of each month until further notice.
Please pay St James' Chorley PCC, Royal Bank of Scotland, sort code **16 00 39**, account no. **41346455**

Cash

You can put money on the plate at the back of church. We can provide dated envelopes to help you plan your giving. See Sheila Anderton for more information.

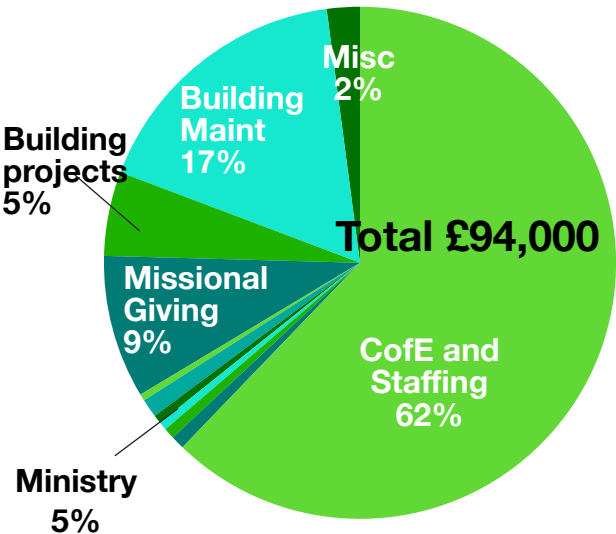


Contactless

You can also donate via card or mobile phone using our contactless machine at the back of church. See Sara Tinsley if you have any questions.

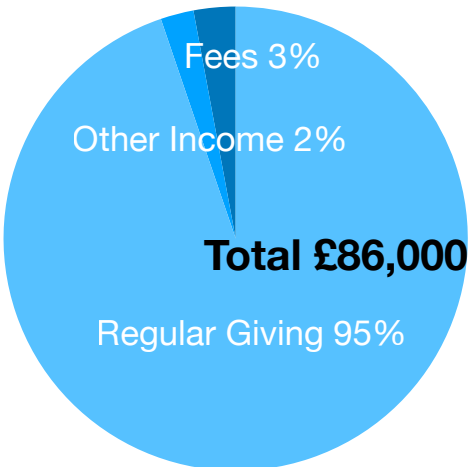
How do we spend our money?

In 2024 we spent £100,000, using some reserves to pay for building upkeep. For 2025 we've budgeted £94,000 not including the update to our audio visual system. Below is our budget for 2025.

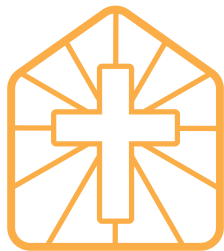


How are we funded?

The below chart shows our income for 2024



For more info see our accounts at our annual meeting



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A guide to financial giving 2025

Why Give?

Christians give because we have received so much through Jesus. We are loved, forgiven, adopted into God's family and given everlasting life! 2 Corinthians 8:9 says *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."* In response we want to say 'thank you' to God and we also want to help others hear this best news in the world!



When God captures our hearts with what Jesus has done, then we give freely, excited by how our money can serve God. If God hasn't yet captured your heart with the message about Jesus, the first thing to do is to pray to him that he might show himself to you.

How much should I give?

You are free! In the Old Testament God's people gave 10% of their income to God, and a further 10% at special occasions. In the New Testament we aren't told a specific figure. Jesus rejoiced to see a poor widow give two small coins away (Luke 21:1-4) and Zaccheus give masses of money away (Luke 19:1-10).

Some Principles for Giving

We are to give:

Generously

The Macedonian Christians are held up as an example to us: 2 Corinthians 8:2-5 *"In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us."*

According to what we have

Again in 2 Corinthians (8:12-13) Paul explains: *"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need."* In Jesus we have plenty and have the privilege of being able to give to help others.

Joyfully

God wants us to give cheerfully. We don't give to earn anything for ourselves but rather we give because God first gave us his Son Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 9:7 *"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."*

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, the government will give 25p for every £1 you donate. It costs you nothing but makes a big difference! Please fill in the gift aid form if you can.



Gift Aid Declaration

Name

Address.....
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I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Taxer each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is equal to the amount of tax that all charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and council tax do not qualify. I understand St James' will reclaim 25p of tax for every £1 that I give. I confirm I will advise St James' if this situation changes.

Signed Date.....