

# St Peter's Church, Chantilly

## Funding Programme



### Dear Friends

Someone recently told me that when they discovered St Peter's Church they felt they had come home. For over 150 years St Peter's has been at the heart of the Chantilly community. Today the St Peter's family extends across a wide Anglophone community of many different nationalities. It is a real privilege to be called to serve in such a vibrant church at the heart of the community.

Over the 150 years people have given generously and sacrificially in order to sustain the work of God through St Peter's. We are grateful for the enormous sacrifices that have been made so that the vision for God's plan can be realized. At times it has been a real struggle, but because of the faithful sacrifices of those who have come before us, we are able to continue to be an important Christian presence in the region today. The most recent building projects including the Church Centre; accommodation for the Chaplain and the restoration of the church building and perimeter iron railings were realised through the vision and faithfulness of the church membership. The Church Council and I are committed to helping our richly gifted church family to continue to grow in our knowledge and love of God and reach out to the wider community. To do this we must strengthen our finances for the next step in our journey.

The St Peter's Church funding program offers the opportunity for those who currently give to review their individual commitment and for others to join our Giving Scheme as a regular monthly giver or one-off donation. With your support, we will achieve our vision for our church and lay strong foundations for the future.

Rev'd Sarah Tillett, Chaplain

*Our Vision*

We aim to be a lively, loving church and a welcoming and inclusive church family, without walls to the community, spirit led, bible focused, gospel shared, and Jesus centered.

- Our priorities for 2018 – 2020
- grow our ministry to young adults and children.
  - grow our home groups from 4 to 8
  - establish our work with migrants and refugees through the CGA
  - Begin to establish ourselves as an Eco-Church

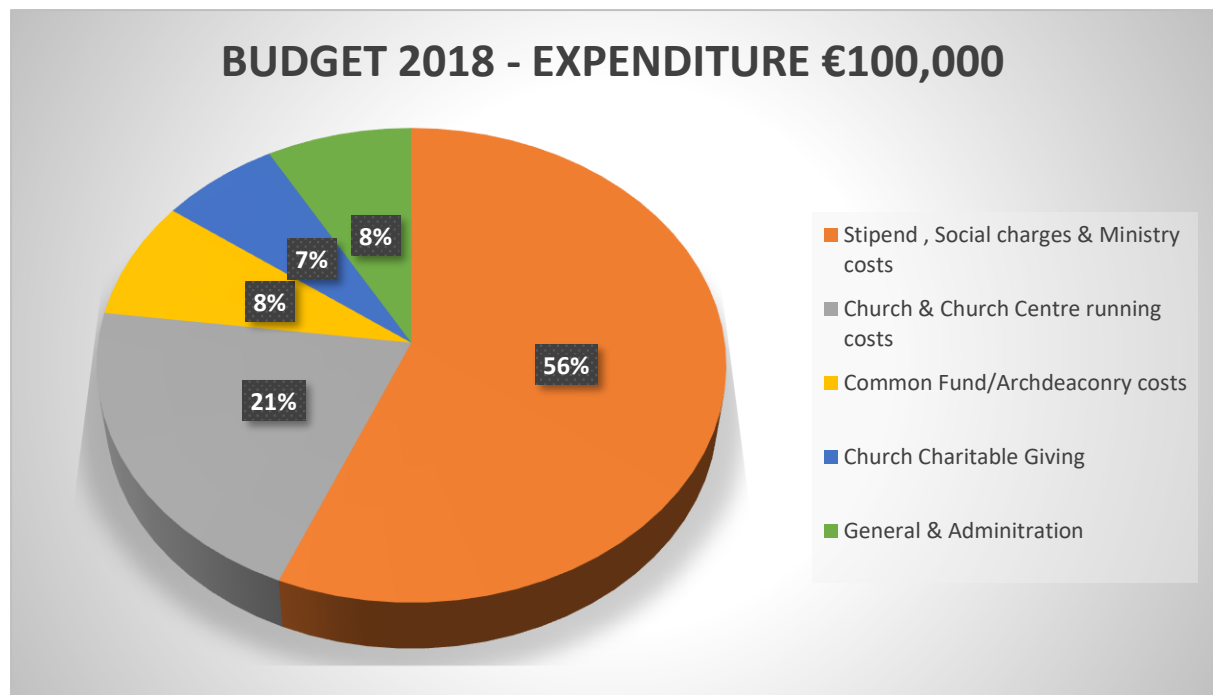
## Our Mission

- Welcome people and create services that are accessible to people of all ages and stages of faith, and to those who are searching or unsure.
- To create opportunities for outreach with children, youth, families, the elderly, and refugees
- Maintain our facilities for church and community events in an environmentally sustainable way

## Your Giving

Firstly, a thank you – giving and gratitude go together. Consider ‘the widows offering’ (Luke 21: 2). We give out of gratitude for what we receive from God. Also, we continue to be grateful for those, who, even in these difficult financial times, give regularly and sacrificially to support the work of God and St Peter’s Church.

## How much does it cost to run the Church?



## *Where does the money come from?*

We receive no local or national government or diocesan support. Our parish relies upon the generous financial support from those who regularly attend church, and around 66% of our income comes through regular planned giving.

### **Income Budget for 2018**

Planned Regular Giving from our Congregation	€54.440
Collections and donations	€17.860
Kermesse	€ 8,000
Church Wedding/Funeral Fees & Building Hire	€ 2,810
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## *Our Annual Financial Target for 2018, ..... then 2019*

To maintain our existing ministry expenditure, we do require an increase in income of €17,000 this year.

For 2019 and following years, our mission vision includes someone to work specifically with the youth and children which will require a further €25,000 per annum. So total additional income for 2019 will be €42,000 - equivalent to additional €3500 per month.

## *How could this be achieved?*

At present there are **36** households giving regularly to the church. It is worth noting that there are 81 on the Church Members Electoral Roll. This does not include all regular attendees.

If we could increase the regular givers to **50** in 2018 and **65** by the end of 2019 and they were all able to contribute an additional... for example:

3€ p/w (the cost of a coffee) = an increase in €7,800

5€ p/w (a pint of beer & packet of crisps) = an increase in €13,000

8€ p/w (a bottle of wine or weekly paper bill) = an increase in €20,800

## *How you can help*

- If you are not yet a regular giver to the Church, please pray about whether you could consider regular, planned giving.
- If you are an existing regular giver, please consider increasing your gift.
- If possible, please make your giving by Standing order/virement by completing the form and returning it to your bank or online.

- Take advantage of the tax relief

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **Q: Does St. Peter's receive funding from the Anglican Church?**

**A:** No. Like every other Anglican Chaplaincy in France, we receive no financial support from the Church of England or any other external body. All costs for mission, ministries, clergy, staff, the maintenance of our premises – everything is funded by the giving of the individual members.

### **Q: How should I give?**

**A:** Gifts by standing order (virement) or cheque are the Church's preferred ways of receiving your giving. This enables us to manage our budgeting process.

### **Q: How will my giving affect my taxes?**

**A:** If you pay French income tax you can claim back 66% of your giving. A taxpayer in France who donates €200 to St Peter's Church is entitled to a tax reduction of €132. The system is straightforward – at the end of the tax year the Church office/Treasurer will provide you with a certificate stating how much you gave in the previous year. Unfortunately, owing to French Legislation tax certificates cannot be given for gifts made in cash or for any gifts made to St. Peter's Charitable Giving Association.

### **Q: Who knows how much I give?**

**A:** Your giving is a private matter. All details of individual giving are held in confidence by the Treasurer. None of the Church Council officers are privy to any details of individual giving.

## *Your Response*

While we prefer regular giving one off gifts are very welcome.

Please bring the completed forms to church on our Gift day at the Harvest Celebration 14<sup>th</sup> October.

## *Our Future*

We have a bold vision for growth of our ministry and our community outreach. What we require is faith, boldness and generosity in our giving according to our circumstances. We are certain that by God's grace and our commitment we will have the resources to lay hold of these opportunities.

## *Our Prayer*

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of life, love and your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to be generous in return and support our Church as it seeks to serve you and proclaim the Gospel afresh to each generation.

