



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON



Giving for the work of the Church in 2024

St Mary Abbots is a busy church with 21 services a week. While those services are the most visible part of the work of our clergy and staff, the majority of their time and focus is serving our neighbours in the community, maintaining our historic buildings and growing our Church in line with our Mission Action Plan. Just keeping SMA going requires £12,500 a week which includes £715 per week for the choir, £680 per week maintaining the church and £6700 per week staff (excluding clergy) costs.

These costs must be met from local income. While we get some contribution from properties and investments, the key driver is donations from the congregation. We are fortunate that many members of the congregation already contribute. Our ambition is that each member should give regularly, as they are able. Whether it is £2 or £200 a month, we want to be able to say that we are all in this mission together.

As you prayerfully consider a new level of giving for 2024, please think of contributing monthly or quarterly by standing order, rather than by cash or card machine. Standing orders help SMA plan the year's budget, knowing for certain what funds will be available. Another way you can help is through Gift Aid, which means your regular contribution is increased by 25% at no extra cost to you.

Overleaf you will find standing order and Gift Aid forms. If you are able, and if you have not done so already, please fill them in and return them to the sidespeople or to the Parish Office.

Thank you very much for your generosity in helping to sustain the church's worship, community and fabric. *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* (Matthew 6:21).

St Mary Abbots Stewardship Group

Standing Order Form

Please complete, date, sign this form and return it to:
The Parish Office, St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, London W8 4HN

St Mary Abbots Church

To (please print):

Bank:

Branch & Address:

Account No:

Sort Code:

Please pay to:

NatWest Bank,

Royal Garden Branch, 55 Kensington High Street, London W8 5ZG.

Sort Code: 50-30-10 Account No: 03411893,

for the credit of St Mary Abbots P.C.C.

the sum of (in words)

£..... monthly*/quarterly*/annually* - Please delete as appropriate.

starting on:

Signed:

Date:

Full name:

Address:

Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation,
please complete the declaration below and return it to:

The Parish Office, St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, London W8 4HN

St Mary Abbots Church

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

(Please print)

Full Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Signed:

Date:

Notes:

1. Please notify the Church Office if you:
 - Wish to cancel this declaration
 - Change your name or home address
 - No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax, currently 20%, which allows charities to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated.
2. If you pay Income Tax at a higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Charity Registration Number: 1132235

How your regular giving is used



Children and Youth Work: £85 per week

This includes resources for Children on Sunday groups, Bitesize Bible group, Mini Abbots, Youth Group and the children's chapel, such as teaching materials, pens and paper, printing and refreshments.

This adds up to £4,400 per year.

Repairs and Maintenance: £680 per week

This includes regular maintenance of the spire, roof and stonework as well as cleaning and alarm systems, ensuring our properties are safe and welcoming spaces to deliver our mission and ministry.

This adds up to £35,700 per year

The choir: £715 per week

This is the cost of the choir, cantor and organist for all four Sunday services each week. Additional special services such as Christmas, Easter, monthly Choral Eucharist and Choral Evensong brings this to £53,000 per year

Electricity, Gas and Water: £1,360 per week

This covers the heating in the church which keeps the temperature even so that the church is warm for services and events, offering a warm space for visitors, and for the electricity which lights the church inside and outside.

This is £71,000 per year

Staffing costs: £6,700 per week

This funds our very busy parish staff team which includes the vicars, parish manager, children's worker, events and communications co-ordinator and hall manager.

This adds up to £180,500 per year.