



**Contributing financially to the
life of St Mary's Wendover**

Over the centuries many men and women have given of their time, their talents and their money to ensure that St Mary's remains a vibrant place of worship and welcome. The need for that support is now greater than ever with rising costs including energy bills making it very expensive to heat and light the church.

What are we doing to improve the building and how we use it?

- The data projector has been replaced and improves the quality of what we are showing considerably.



- We are updating the audio-visual equipment to improve the sound.

- We are motorising the entrance glass doors to make the church easily accessible.



With all of these projects we have been very fortunate to have received grants totalling many thousands of pounds from Wendover Parish Council, U3A, Heart of Bucks and the Lionel Abel-Smith Trust. These grant-making bodies recognise that St Mary's is not only used for regular worship but also for a wide variety of community uses, events and gatherings and we are grateful to them for this support. We also receive regular contributions from the Friends of St Mary's.

As a church we aspire to be at the heart of that community, but we need to actively and generously support that ambition. We can't rely on others to do the job for us. God calls us to share his love and his blessings with our brothers and sisters and what better way to show that love than by making a personal gift – for the benefit of both present and future generations.

How can you make help?

- *Make a contribution towards the £10,000 we need to raise to add to the money received in grants to complete the projects outlined.*

You can do this by writing a cheque to St Mary's PCC Wendover or give by bank transfer and gift aid if possible, using the following bank details:

CAF Bank Ltd

Acct Name: St Mary's PCC Wendover

Sort Code: 40-52-40

Acct number: 00030071

- *Give regularly to St Mary's*

St Mary's is part of the Parish Giving Scheme, an easy and effective way for you to manage your giving to St Mary's via direct debit.



Details are on the PGS website here:

www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/

or you can use this QR code to go straight to Wendover St Mary PGS page and sign up.



Giving regularly is part of our Christian duty and doing that through PGS helps with our budgeting and cashflow enormously.

You can also make a donation via our website at www.stmaryswendover.org

- *Legacy giving*

Over recent years a considerable amount has been received at St Mary's in legacies and this has enabled to do a number of things including employing our Associate priest and carrying out necessary repairs. This enables us to continue the mission and ministry of St Mary's

Leaving a gift in your Will helps secure the future of our church. We welcome all legacies, however big or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish.

Sometimes parish life can feel like an endless cycle of raising money to pay bills. Leaving a gift to our church in your Will lets you think about your vision for our church's future.

We encourage every adult member of our church to:

1. Make a Will and review it regularly.
2. Read the Church of England's legacy information booklet [Church Legacy | The Church of England](#)
3. Consider leaving a proportion of your estate or a cash sum as a gift to St Mary's in your Will.

Please pray and consider how you can give to St Mary's. You may be giving already – could you increase that?

We are doing so much to further God's kingdom and would love your help to do more. Your giving helps us to continue our work with children, young people and families, our eco church work and our support beyond our parish through our mission giving (both through the parish share and Global Church).



If you would like to talk to someone about giving, please email Matt Ryan treasurer@stmaryswendover.org or contact the Parish office on 01296 623123.

Thank you for all you already give and for considering the messages here.