
The Challenge Before Us

Details of our expenditure are shown overleaf.

Estimated annual income from **Regular Giving** (including the tax refunded) is: **£37,310**

Our other annual income is: **£19,800**

Giving us a total annual income of: **£57,110**

To close the gap we need to increase our annual income to at least: **£67,812**

This means we need an annual increase from **Regular Giving** of: **£10,702**

This is a challenge to us all, but we believe that, with the help of existing and new givers, it can be done.

If we can increase our annual income from **Regular Giving** (excluding tax refunded) to: **£38,410**

...and, if all those who gave were tax payers and Gift Aided their contributions, the Inland Revenue would refund the Church a further: **£9,602**

With other income, we would just cover our estimated costs **for the current year**, with a total income of:

£67,812

How You Can Help

We would like to thank those of you who have loyally supported us in the past, but we also welcome new contributors. If you can contribute to the running of St Mary's Church, please complete a **Promise Form**.

Gift Aid

If you pay tax, please tick the **Gift Aid Box** on your **Promise Form**; the Inland Revenue will currently add a tax refund of 25% to your Gift.

Provided that the tax you pay is more than the Gift Aid that can be claimed on all your charitable donations, this tax refund will cost you nothing but it makes a huge difference to us.

Returning Your Promise Form

We ask you to complete a new **Promise Form** even if you currently support St Mary's. Your new promise will replace your existing one. If you can, please use a standing order.

Please fill in your **Promise Form**, place it in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope and leave it in the box in Church. Alternatively you could post it to our Church Treasurer, Barbara Tuckwell.

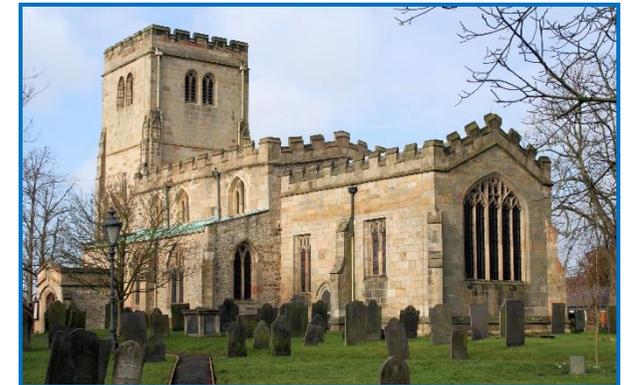
There are other ways of giving, for details see the Church website. If you have any questions, please contact:

Barbara Tuckwell
0115 937 2548

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The Church of St Mary the Virgin in Plumtree has stood as a landmark in this parish for some 1100 years, and has served the community in times of joy and sorrow. It is our heritage, and for many it is a place of faithful worship and service.

It is a focus for our community life together, deserving our support to ensure that it is maintained, not only for the present, but for future generations.

However this comes at a cost. We need to ask for your generosity to enable us to continue to maintain our Church and to fund the work of care in our parish.

Your support will help us to:

- Maintain regular worship week by week.
- Be a visible sign of the presence of God in a troubled world.
- Be available for special family services such as Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals.
- Extend our pastoral care.
- Work with young people as they explore together the purpose of life.
- Bring people together to celebrate the seasons, especially at Christmas, Easter and Harvest; and by holding concerts and social events, draw in the wider community.
- Care for our Church building and Churchyard so that this focus for community and spiritual life will continue.

Serving the Community

St Mary's welcomes a wide variety of people to services during the year. Some come regularly; others attend special services at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Mothering Sunday, and many attend the concerts and other events that are held in Church.

Like all Parish Churches, St Mary's is required to contribute financially to the work of the Church of England in the Diocese, via the Parish Share.

The cost of this work, both in the Parish and in the Diocese, increases year by year. That is why we are asking for help from those who want their local Church to be cared for; to be there when they need it, and for the Church's ministry to flourish and grow.

As you can see from the figures on the right, the Parish Share is our largest outgoing. Although one option would be simply not to pay the full amount, this would merely move the problem to another congregation or, worse still, might result in the closure of a Church.

Our Rector is non-stipendiary; this means that he is not paid a salary (stipend) and does not receive any income, pension contributions or working expenses.

Although our current level of income covers the Parish Share, there is insufficient left over to meet our Church's maintenance costs, much of which are currently financed by legacies left to us specifically for this purpose. However this money will not last for ever.

How much is needed?

The estimated **annual** cost of keeping St Mary's Church open is:

Maintenance	£3,766
Towards maintenance of the Church and Churchyard	
Running Expenses	£6,950
Includes insurance, heating, lighting, water	
Parish Share	£52,896
Towards the provision of ministry in the Diocese (stipendiary Clergy costs, National Insurance, pensions, etc.)	
Worship and Parish Work	£4,200
Includes Church services and parish office costs	
Total Expenditure per Year:	<u>£67,812</u>

Income per Year:	£19,800
Open plate collections; donations; fees from weddings & funerals; parish events; and other income	
Income from Regular Giving:	£37,310
Standing orders; weekly giving envelopes; and reclaimed tax	
Total Income per Year:	<u>£57,110</u>

**The Gap is
£10,702**