

## Pledges

If you can increase your pledge or planned giving, we would hope to be in a position to balance our budget and to open up additional opportunities for the people of Abingdon, and for our congregation, to enjoy the benefits of our historic and beautiful church, both in worship and in outreach.

## Planned Giving Scheme

If you **are not** already a member of the planned giving scheme, please contact Jeff Dale, Stewardship Recorder, telephone: 01235 531521 or by email on: [jeffrey.dale@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:jeffrey.dale@mypostoffice.co.uk) for further information. If you **are** already a member of the Scheme, it is important, for the purposes of financial planning, that you return the enclosed Pledge Card. This is the case, whether or not you intend to increase your giving this year.

## Increasing your Pledge

The church continues to work to balance our budget, which at last appears to be approaching solvency in 2024, thanks to your generosity following last year's stewardship campaign and its appeal to increase your pledged giving. Financial certainty remains a concern though, running costs keep rising and the value of our investments continues to go up and down, so if you can afford to, please do increase your pledge by as much as you can this year.

## Bank and contact details

Name of account:  
St Helen's Church, Abingdon  
Sort Code: 60-01-01  
Account number: 61580333

Your Pledge Card can be returned to the

Stewardship Recorder, c/o Parish Office,  
St Helen's Church, Abingdon, OX14 5BS.

Alternatively, call or email Jeff Dale with details of your pledge for 2025. Contact Jeff Dale if you require envelopes for cash donations or a Gift Aid form. Please do sign a Gift Aid if you can.

*Details of your giving are known only to the Stewardship Recorder.*

***Thank you for your ongoing financial contributions and donations, which enable our Church to make all this difference.***

***Please consider increasing your pledged giving this year to "build on our impact."***

# THANK YOU!

*St Helen's Clergy and Wardens*



**St HELEN'S CHURCH**  
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

***"... the righteous are generous and keep giving; surely those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land ..." Ps. 37***



## STEWARDSHIP 2025

*Turn over to see how to give to our church this year ...*

# Time and money

## “How can I help?”

St Helen's has a talented congregation with many, varied skills. As ever, we need increased revenue and more volunteers to support our work in the church, as well as to grow the impact we have in the community.

## Time

Could you spare some time and volunteer your help? We need volunteers in many areas of church life - giving hospitality, keeping the church buildings clean and tidy, arranging the flowers, ringing the bells, singing in the choir, helping out in the Parish Office, serving on the DCC and PCC etc.

If you would like to get involved please have a word with one of the clergy or the wardens: David Pope or Margaret Horton.



## Money

Like everyone else, we face financial challenges. This year we aim to grow our revenue in ways begun last year. Our Events Team is continuing to bring in money to support our church and to improve our impact in the local community. The friendly Team needs more volunteers to progress these aims.

Most of our income is spent on ministry, including the Parish Share (which we must pay to the diocese for maintaining Christian ministry in this parish, and supporting the training of new clergy and clergy pensions), as well as running and staffing our own Parish Office. Heating, lighting and insurance total well over £20,000 a year.

The Stewardship 25 leaflet, included in this pack, uses the testimony of several members of our congregation to illustrate the impact our current activities are having in the community.

**By increasing your Pledge,  
you can help! Thank you!**

The pledge cards can be returned either **on or before Stewardship Sunday (23rd March 2025)** or be returned to:

The Stewardship Recorder,  
c/o Parish Office,  
St Helen's Church, Abingdon, OX14 5BS.

Alternatively, call or email Jeff Dale with details of your pledge for 2025.

## The Friends of St Helen

Could you become a member of the **Friends of St Helen**, whose work supports repair and improvement to our historic and sacred spaces?

Could you lend your support to the upkeep and enhancement of our stunning place of worship?

Visit the link or photo the QR code below to find out more, or to make a donation, or pick up a membership form in St Helen's shop at the back of our church:

[https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StH/StH\\_support.html](https://abingdonparish.org.uk/StH/StH_support.html)

**Donations  
online:**

