

## Your Planned Giving is critical to our future

- Planned giving means regular giving, the same amount each week/month.
- This helps us to take stock, ask ourselves how important God and the church are in our lives and how this is reflected in what we plan to give. Our planned giving reveals our priorities, where our heart is, and our faith.
- Our costs are constant ... even if you're not at church, we still need to pay the priest, the insurance, the lighting etc
- Planned regular giving helps the vestry to plan properly as it enables us to know what to expect.
- It shows your personal commitment to this church and its ministry

Giving by **Standing Order** helps us plan and budget. However, it can be easy to forget about your giving - please review your gift each year.

**One off donations** give us the opportunity to donate when we see particular need or find ourselves with abundance.

Please make sure we have the permission to claim **Gift Aid** if you pay tax

## The responsibility is ours

The future of this church ... its building, its worship, its priest .. is in our hands!

- Our prayer, our service and our giving spring from our gratitude of all that God has given us.
- Are you committed to the future of St Marks .. to ensure it still is a place of worship and service in 50 years time?
- Are you committed to St Marks sharing the Love of God and serving those in need?

One off donations can be given through our online giving page, which also collects Gift Aid automatically



Thank you for everything you do and everything you give to St Marks ...

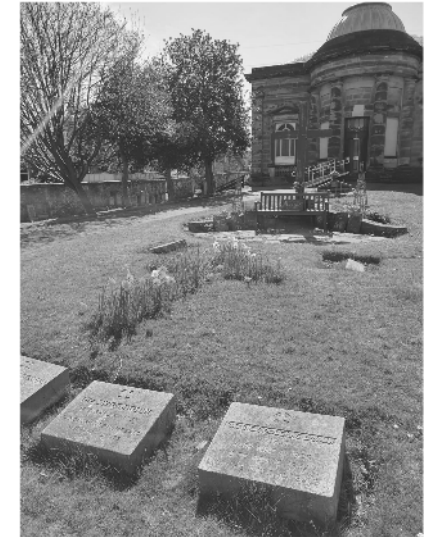
The future is in our hands ... together we are the Body of Christ ... together we work to nurture our Christian presence here in Portobello.

### St Mark's Church, Portobello

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## Our commitment to the church

To its ministry, its life, its mission and its future



It costs about £6100 a month (£1500 a week) to run St Marks!

We are completely self supporting

*We* are the church

## Where do we get money from (approx monthly)

Regular Giving	£2400	46.0%
Gift Aid from Government	£600	12.0%
Donations (visitors, special services etc)	£950	18.0%
Fundraising	£440	8.0%
Rent	£600	12.0%
Interest	£150	3.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5140</b>	

We receive no money from 'central funds'.  
Fundraising and rental income is unpredictable.

If we want ministry to continue here, it is our responsibility.

***In 2022-23, regular donations decreased by 20% and rents decreased by 50%***

We are running at £1000 per month deficit.

## Gift Aid

Thank you for paying with Gift Aid

It means that the government gives us the tax you have paid on your donation ... increasing your gift to us by 25%

## What do we do with money (approx monthly)

Clergy Costs	£3440	56%
Staff	£650	10%
Contribution to Diocese	£650	10%
Building & Insurance	£1100	18%
Worship	£100	2%
Hospitality	£50	1%
Faith Devt & Education	£80	1%
Charity Donations	£100	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6170</b>	

Thanks to your generosity we have been able in the last year to:

- Appoint an administrator for 6 hours a week
- Commit funds to groups like Wednesday Wonderings
- Start the long term control of the trees in our garden
- Pay the additional costs for Zoom provision
- Repair the tiles in chancel
- Plan for the renovation of the Muirhead Room as a cosy community space.
- Ensure that we pay Living Wage
- Pay 21% of the costs of the ramp

Due to current living conditions for our priest, we are currently **saving about £4000 per year** (council tax, utilities and ongoing maintenance of the rectory) and we have received money from rents to start to renovate the house.

## St Mark's into the future

### We want to:

- Make our **church** sustainable for the future
- Provide adequate **housing** for our priest - our rectory is in poor repair and does not meet minimum requirements for a priest (requires a further £55,000)
- Ensure our church has a paid **ministry** to inspire and nurture us now and in the future
- Maintain this active church with a **mission** at the heart of our community which sustains us and nurtures us in our lives.
- Be able to meet rising costs of **utilities** and of paid **staff** with fewer volunteers

### Our dream:

To free up time and resources to concentrate on mission and service in the local community

To focus on the renovation of our building, knowing that the mission and ministry are financially secure

To ensure that we can support a full time priest into the future