

A Huge Thank You to all who support our Valley churches in any way . . .

All Saints in East Garston, St James in Eastbury and St Michael's in Lambourn each rely upon the generous giving of time, goods, events and money from parishioners.

This has always been the case and our churches are testament to the on-going generosity of many people past and present. Even with the buildings closed volunteers are continuing to help support our community life, often behind the scenes and in many different practical ways.

I know that some people are on reduced incomes at this time and some are really struggling to make ends meet – if this is you, please ignore the rest of this and don't hesitate to be in touch if you need help. The churches and our communities are here for *you*. For those who feel able to continue, or increase their giving to please read on.

Virtual Collection Plate

The Virtual Church is thriving in the Lambourn Valley; while the Church buildings are closed, the worshipping community continues and the churches are at the centre of the communities in each of the villages.

However, the Parishes still need real money to meet their costs. In the current climate, with collections on a Sunday no longer happening we are asking all who feel able (and please ignore this if your income is currently reduced) to consider raising their donation to the churches.

We are very grateful for those who continue to make offerings through the Parish Giving Scheme or standing order. If you do not give this way and feel able to give towards the work of the Church there is an opportunity to make an electronic bank transfer to each of the PCC's.

When making a transfer please confirm who it is from and put "Gift Aid" in the reference if you are able to Gift Aid your donation. We can then sort out the paperwork later if we do not already have a Gift Aid Declaration from you.

The bank details for transfers are:

Eastbury PCC

Sort Code: 60-11-28 Nat West Newbury

Account Number: 20591632

East Garston PCC

Sort Code: 30-95-89 Lloyds Newburys

Account Number: 00696299

Lambourn PCC

Sort Code: 60-11-28 Nat West Newbury

Account Number: 79238394

St Michael's and All Angels Lambourn Parish Giving Scheme by Phone.

For those wishing to donate to St Michael's and All Angels in Lambourn there is now the opportunity to join the Parish Giving Scheme by phone.

We would love it if you took this opportunity to join the Parish Giving Scheme and this can now be done by phone. The number to call is 0333 002 1271.

How to join

You will need to provide the following information to set up a new Direct Debit;

Your name and contact particulars

Address, telephone, e-mail

Your bank account details: Account name, sort code and number

The Church you wish to support: St Michael and All Angels Lambourn

The amount of your monthly donation: add the amount

Do you agree to an annual inflationary increase on your donation? Yes/No

Are you a UK taxpayer and do you wish to Gift Aid your donation? Yes/No

The Parish Giving Scheme for Lambourn St Michael & All Angels is 270627424

You will receive written confirmation (by email or post) of your new Direct Debit, including confirmation that you are supporting St George's, the amount of the monthly gift and the date of your first donation.

Please note that, if you currently give via a Standing Order, please wait until receiving the confirmation letter from Parish Giving Scheme before cancelling the Standing Order.

Hopefully all of this makes sense and one of these methods is possible for you. Of course, we realise not everyone may be in a position to give, so if you cannot, we understand – please keep the churches of the Valley in your prayers.

Heartfelt and grateful thanks to the many of you who have already continued, and in some cases increased, your giving at this time.

If you have any questions or need any help, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With blessings and prayers for you and your loved ones, for our churches and the communities of The Valley,

Revd Julie Mintern & the Churchwardens & Treasurers of Eastbury, East Garston & Lambourn