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GIFT DAYS - 4 & 11 JULY 2021

These Renew Gift Days are to equip us with new capacity to reach out and grow as we go into the future. Helping us to renew the mission and ministry of St Mary's for the new season beyond the pandemic.

We are aware that all our circumstances are different, so if you are in financial need right now, please feel free to let this pass by. We want you to be totally free to give or not to give to these Gift Days. While our primary focus this summer is on helping renew people spiritually, relationally and emotionally; we are also seeking to renew and rebuild our church outreach and discipleship so we will be ready for new season coming.

Like so many, our normal church income has been affected over the past year and we wanted to invite anyone who is able to help us, at this time, to give cheerfully and generously. You can find out what the giving is for inside. This is all about mission and discipleship in our community and church. Thank you so much for all you're giving already and now again.

With sincere love and gratitude,

Malcolm

RENEW GIFT DAYS BIG VISION

To equip and resource St Mary's for a new season:

1. Revitalising Cafe Hope and renew mid-week mission

We will soon need to replace the coffee machine, which is a significant expense, but vital to the Café. We are also considering improving furnishings and repairs to the kitchen area. Plus, a new welcome area in church with better communication so visitors can discover the gospel and find out about the life of the church.



2. Engaging in online outreach and digital discipleship

This is a new area for us and we need some finance to enable video production for online outreach, particularly at Easter and Christmas, as well as for discipleship resources such as Leading Together, online training and more.



3. Investing in our children and youth



We believe it is time to increase our support for our children and youth. To support the rebuilding of our ignite volunteer team, we will recruit an additional part-time staff member for outreach and discipleship among our children and youth.

4. Resourcing a culture of prayer

With a renewed emphasis on prayer, we want to professionally publish a daily Prayer Guide for people to use at home. Our heart is to offer helpful resources to deepen our prayer lives.

5. Remembering our story and giving thanks

At the appropriate time, we hope to purchase some kind of memorial to remember those in our church and community who passed away or were affected by the pandemic.

6. Improving our experience of church

There are a number of key upgrades we need to make to our PA system that will improve the quality of sound at the back of church. It is important that everyone is able to join in fully.

7. Upgrading our buildings for mission and hospitality

Our buildings are part of our mission and hospitality. We use them all through the week. Good maintenance is part of our mission. We want to offer a good welcome to people. There are some essential upgrades needed to the flooring in our toilets, lighting in the parish centre and we plan to upgrade our public noticeboards to improve our welcome and communication.

Further general information

- We want everything to flow from the vision of seeing people follow Jesus and grow in Him. These seven areas form a whole package of investing in people, mission, discipleship and our buildings, as we emerge from the pandemic.
- We would encourage church members who are able to consider setting up or increasing their Standing Order and to give with Gift Aid please.
- Some of the giving will enable us to open new budget lines that will be spent gradually. For example, finance for online mission and discipleship. Also, some items will not be purchased immediately, but at the right time for the ministries. Also, that if we raise less then we will need to prioritise what is spent, and if more is given then it will go towards our general funds. Many thanks.

What we hope to raise

Looking at our seven areas for renewing post pandemic, the church leadership is hoping we can raise:

£40,000

This is our best estimate to enable us to do these seven areas of mission and ministry.

Give by Standing Order

Planned giving really help the church. Please set up or consider increasing your regular Standing Order. Go to our website for more details.

How can I give?

- 1) Make a bank transfer to our church account:
Sort Code: 40-30-25
Acc No: 00724580
- 2) Use the giving form over the page and bring your gift and giving from on 4 or 11 July.
- 3) Send it to us in the post.
- 4) Give online on our new website stmarysloughton.com where there is a 'Give' section and you can give by card.
- 5) Make sure you Gift Aid your donation as we get an extra 25% from the government.

Renew Giving Form - please complete and return to St Mary's

I would like to give to the Renew Gift Days.

Name _____ Surname _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email _____ Phone _____

I/we wish to give a lump sum of £_____ to St Mary's, Loughton

*Please make cheques payable to **St. Mary's Loughton PCC**.*

If you pay UK tax, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration below.

St. Mary's Church Gift Aid Declaration

To be completed by the main tax payer for a joint account

I would like St. Mary's Church Loughton to treat all donations I have made to The Hope Centre appeal and any other donations to St. Mary's Church I make, from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.

Date _____ Signed _____

Notes

If you wish to you can cancel the declaration at any time, please notify us.

You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that we reclaim on your donations in the tax year (currently 25p for each £1 you give). VAT and Council Tax are not included.

If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your self-assessment tax return. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, please contact us or ask at your local tax office for leaflet IR65 Gift Aid. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that we reclaim, you can cancel your declaration (see first note above). Please notify us if you change your name or address.

Thank you so much!