



# All Saints Church Upper Clatford

25 October 2015

We have an opportunity during the interregnum to look again at our links to All Saints church, and to consider the future of the benefice.

The active community at All Saints serves parishioners in many ways: Sunday worship for those attending regular services; sharing the joy of a couple coming to be married or a family bringing their child for baptism; supporting the ill and comforting the bereaved. All that we do as a church is possible through the dedicated commitment, time, skills and energy parishioners bring to our community.

However, we are also facing financial difficulties; over the last few years our income has not kept pace with increasing costs, and we are facing an uphill struggle to maintain our parish share. Unless we are able to redress this imbalance, it is likely that we will be joined into a larger grouping of parishes under a rector who is resident elsewhere, which would weaken the cohesion which the church brings to village life.

We have therefore set a target to increase our income by 30%, which would enable us to meet all our costs, gradually build up reserves, and ultimately to expand the work we do in the community.

We would ask you to do the following:

- Review your personal giving to your church. Please consider whether you can be more generous.
- Ideally, pay by monthly Direct Debit through the Parish Giving Scheme
- Give one of your "free" month's Council tax as a Lent tithe in March each year
- Consider helping in other ways, perhaps organising a fundraising event which not only contributes to church finances but adds to the vitality of the community.

Thank you! We are asking you to complete a pledge form, and we can arrange to call and collect this, or if you prefer to return it to us, by **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. We are planning to give thanks to God for your generosity at our family service at 1000 on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, and we hope you can join us for this.

Overleaf there is a summary of our sources and uses of funds. If you would like any more information or wish to talk this through, please contact me or any member of the PCC

Yours sincerely

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## Statement of the Churches finances

### **This year, each week, we spent:**

£475 on our share of clergy, stipend, housing and training and support costs

£132 on our building, including insurance, heat light etc.

£83 on worship and ministry costs to and in the community

**£690 total**

### **Last year each week we received:**

£235 from regular giving

£92 from Inland Revenue from Gift Aided donations and giving

£98 from fees

£195 from fundraising & other income

**£620 total**

### **Our Target for 2016**

To increase our income by 30%.

With your help and God's blessing, we can achieve this!