



GENEROUS

STEWARDSHIP 2021

All Saints
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Dear Friends,

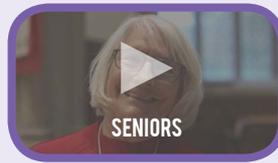
The last eight months have been a challenge at every turn: personally, socially, spiritually, to name but a few. I have been amazed by the fortitude and resilience shown by the church family, and how quickly people have adjusted to the new normal, particularly in embracing technology to stay connected.

I am deeply humbled by the way people have continued to give to God's work at All Saints, despite the financial uncertainty experienced by so many. Please join me in giving thanks to God that giving has remained very largely at the level pledged last year. I am also very thankful to God for the diligence shown by the PCC and the Finance Team in stewarding our financial resources with such care.

As I write this, we have just entered another month of national lockdown, and the outlook for 2021 is far from clear. However, we continue to trust God for his provision as he has proved his faithfulness to All Saints through the sacrificial giving of the church family over many years.

The theme for Stewardship this year is 'Generous' as we consider how we respond to God's generosity to us in numerous ways in our lives. **Our response covers the 'three Ts' of time, talents and treasure, and while all are important, the focus here is on our finances.**

It is your giving that makes so much of the ministry possible at All Saints, particularly as we invest in people to lead others in making disciples of Jesus. **I commend to you the short videos below** that have been created together to show what your giving makes possible in some key areas of church life: gathered worship, ministry among seniors, and youth & children's work.



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The documents below outline how we are looking to reset the church's financial priorities in the light of COVID-19, which has had such an impact on our activities and finances. We are looking a little further ahead – three years – so that we can be more aware of the financial consequences of our actions, and what we may need to do to continue and grow the mission and ministry of All Saints.



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There are four things with which I warmly invite you to engage during November:

'Generous' session: All Connect Groups have been asked to do this at some point during November, though much of it can be used by individuals or couples not in Connect Groups

Wednesday 18th November 8pm Prayer meeting on Zoom

Sunday 22nd November Stewardship Sunday

Sunday 29th November Dedication Sunday

Details of the plan for making stewardship pledges is in the accompanying document, but keep an eye on All Saints News as plans may need to be revised. *Please sign up [HERE](#) if you are not on the mailing list.*

Being without a vicar, and the fallout from COVID-19 can be very unsettling, so let us encourage one another to trust God in all things. Please would you take some time to consider all the Stewardship material prayerfully, and how you could respond to the generosity of God in Jesus.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Stuart
Stuart Silk, Associate Vicar | November 2020

