



Parish of
St Peter Woking
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Sunday 19th October 2025



We are profoundly grateful to God for the many encouragements of the past year, including seeing new people in our churches, launching the Community Fridge and Community Garden projects, starting Refresh Extra for teenagers, and seeing growth in our families and youth ministries. This is all alongside continuing our vital ministries of weddings, funerals, baptisms, Sunday services, Connect Groups, Connections Café, Bereavement Group and so many other things that shine God's love into our community.

As we explained at today's service, we are looking at a financial deficit this year, meaning we will struggle to cover our costs as a parish at the current level of giving next year, let alone to invest in making thriving intergenerational churches for the people of Old Woking, Westfield, Sutton Green and beyond. We do not get any funding from the national church or the government, and whilst a wide range of people give to secular charities, only Christians give to their local church. Thankfully, it will only take a **10% increase in our regular giving** to enable us to break even, and create a platform to invest in the future together.

We also need to be sure of how much is coming in each month, so we write to ask for your support in **giving regularly** at whatever level you can afford by joining the **Parish Giving Scheme** which makes administration for us much simpler. There is information on the scheme in the enclosed leaflet and you can join in any of three ways:

- call **0333 002 1271**. You will get through quickly and it is very friendly and easy.
- go online to **www.parishgiving.org.uk**, click on 'find my parish' and then looking for St Peter's Old Woking. Unfortunately the website is closed until 30th Oct while it make updates, but you can sign up after then.
- or fill in the form on the attached leaflet and post it to the address given.
- or if you would rather not join the Parish Giving Scheme, but can still give **regularly**, you can set up a **standing order** – contact Eliot at **spgiving@stpeterwoking.org** for more information.

Please choose the Gift Aid option if you are a taxpayer and consider the option to increase your giving annually by inflation which you can always change. You can also make one-off gifts through the Parish Giving Scheme.

We appreciate that substantially increasing giving may feel like a big step of faith, but we know that, as with the loaves and fishes, God is faithful with our gifts, multiplying them and using them for the good of all. The Bible promises that those who give cheerfully and sacrificially will be 'enriched in every way so that (we) can be generous on every occasion' (2 Corinthians 9:11).

We would also be grateful if you could **please email Eliot at spgiving@stpeterwoking.org** or pass him the slip below, in strict confidence, by **Sunday 9th November**, to pledge the amount you can give each month next year, whether it will stay the same or increase, so that we can begin to plan for 2026. The amount you personally pledge will not be made known to us as clergy or wardens, just to the finance team.

Eliot will then add up the results and we will announce the total to the church. Eliot is also happy to speak to you at church or via email if you have any questions.

We look forward to hearing from you and are most grateful for your support in this.

With best wishes,



Rev Jonathan Thomas
Vicar

Name:

Amount pledged to give monthly in 2026:
