

giving in grace

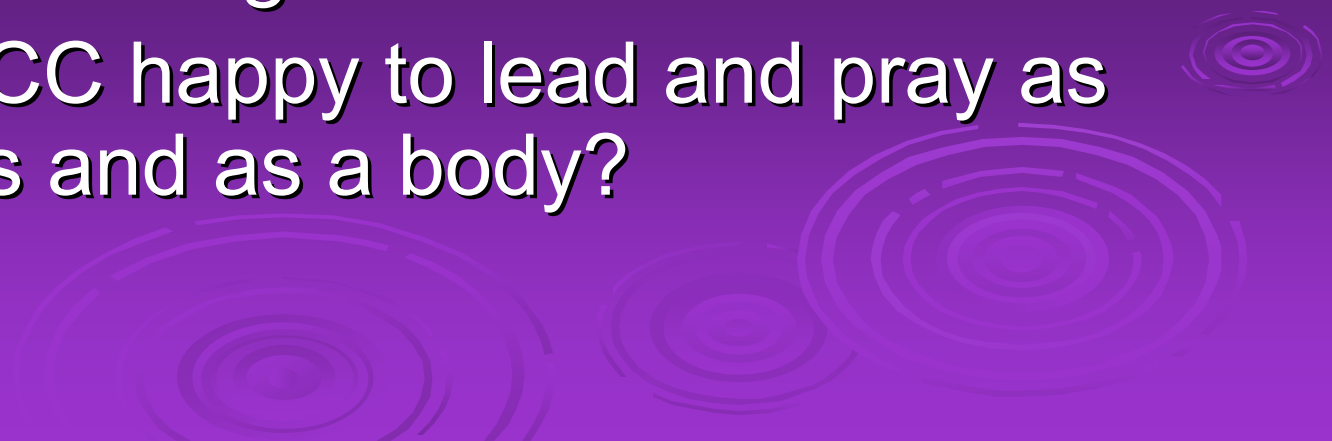


# Giving in grace

A programme of teaching to encourage the knowledge and practice of christian giving as an act of worship and thanksgiving



# Tonight's meeting

- For the PCC too see the findings from the financial analysis?
  - Too see whether the PCC are happy with the outline case statement?
  - Are we on the right lines with the programme design?
  - Are the PCC happy to lead and pray as individuals and as a body?
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# The programme

A programme that combines

- Preaching
- Prayer
- Leadership
- Interaction
- Communication
- Personal response
- [www.givinginGrace.org](http://www.givinginGrace.org)


# Key principles

- Leadership is essential - *we cannot ask others to do what we will not*
- Money is a spiritual issue, and our giving enables our church to minister to our congregation, our community and our world in our mission giving

*“to do justice to love mercy and to walk humbly with God”*

*Micah 6v8 abridged.*

# The case statement

1. Reflection on current strengths and weaknesses
  2. The financial position of the church
  3. The conclusions and actions arising from the financial position.
  4. The design of the Giving in Grace programme
  5. A process of consultation
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# 1. Strengths and weaknesses

- What are the strengths and weaknesses of our church and its ministry?
- Have we plans to develop parish ministry and mission?
- Finance should be a servant of the ministry and mission of the church therefore we need to be able to demonstrate the connection between money and ministry

## 2. The financial position

- Weekly giving patterns of tax efficient givers
- Weekly giving patterns of other planned givers
- The current level of parish reserves
- The draft parish plan for the coming year

# Reflection on finance and giving

- In 2006 our ministry will cost. £ p w
- Currently our income runs at £ pw
- Do we need to increase giving?
- If so by how much per week £
- Our pattern of weekly giving shows.....
- Our use of reserves shows.....
- Our planned giving shows.....
- Our open plate giving shows.....
- Our mission giving is %

# Conclusions on finance

## The principle financial issues to be addressed are:

Levels of giving

Proportionate giving

Maximising gift aid

Increasing numbers of planned givers

Increasing numbers of standing orders

Mission giving



# Programme design

- **Teaching and preaching**

E.g. children's involvement etc

- **Communication**

e.g. Brochure and Targeted letters

- **Involvement and interaction**

e.g. Small groups, visiting

- **Prayer, arrangements**

- **Leadership**

**Will there be one to one visiting/ consultation of the core?**


**Will be PCC declare their corporate response early?**

# Differentiation

Communication is based on meeting people where they are on their spiritual journey:

1. The core – *the leadership e.g. PCC.*
2. The congregation – *regular weekly worshippers using planned giving scheme*
3. The fringe – *worshippers not using envelopes*

# Programme consultation

- Do you agree with the facts and analysis?
  - How do you feel about the Giving in Grace proposals?
  - What do you think the church should be doing?
  - What are the real issues to be addressed?
  - Are the financial targets proposed achievable?
  - Are you willing to give more?
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# Some examples of Giving in Grace

## Financial

- St Basils – outer estate 85% up
- All Hallows – suburban 40% up
- St Elphins – catholic town centre 50% up
- St Oswald's - a small upa, 50% up

## Mission

- St Luke's- school worker
- All Hallows- day exploring vocation and gifting

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- Are the PCC happy to proceed?
- Are the PCC happy with the outline case statement?
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