

What else can I do to support St Columba's?

Standing Orders and Gift Aid are two very practical ways to help our Parish. But another, vitally important, way is to consider looking at your level of current weekly donations.

When was the last time you revised your level of financial support to the Parish? An increase in your regular giving would help to negate the effects of inflation. An increase in your regular giving would also assist with the additional costs that having a Parish Priest necessarily entails.

These rising costs to the Parish will become even more apparent with the construction of the Priest's house, when we factor in the inevitable Council Tax, utility bills, provisions, office equipment, stationery, and other financial commitments.

In addition to this, we are required to pay a sizeable monthly levy to the Diocese, not forgetting – of course! – our considerable building loan.

In order to realise our full potential, St Columba's needs your generosity and support. Please consider how you can help us – through financial contributions, and through attendance at Parish events.

This is a great Parish – let's all work to make it even greater!

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Supporting St Columba's

Here at St Columba's we are lucky to have committed parishioners who contribute a great deal to the Parish by giving generously of their time and talents to build up the community. We are extremely grateful to them for their efforts. However, there are many different ways of contributing.



Standing Orders

One such way is by Standing Order. You may not have considered contributing to the upkeep of the Parish by Standing order, but regular giving by this means helps us to budget more accurately, and to plan more effectively.

Many of us use Standing Orders to pay our Council Tax, energy bills, and water rates, so why not think about making your donations to St Columba's in the same way? Paying by Standing Order also avoids the Sunday morning scrabble to find the money to put in your envelope!

If you think this is for you, please speak to Ewen, our Treasurer, to get the necessary account details to give to your bank. Remember to ensure that the reference appearing on the church's bank statement identifies you; this enables accurate audit trails for Gift Aid purposes.



Gift Aid

Last October, we received a Tax Rebate of £3325 (for year ending March 2014). This was an enormous help to both the running costs and to paying off the Diocesan Loan. The Gift Aid Scheme is a real asset and **everyone at St Columba's should consider signing up to this.**

As long as you pay Income and/or Capital Gains Tax in the UK equal to the tax the church will reclaim, then you are eligible. For every pound you donate, the parish receives an extra 25 pence, **at no extra cost to you!** Gift Aid is recorded through the weekly envelope system; for one-off payments, the yellow envelopes, located in the foyer, can also be used.

Gift Aid is an extremely simple but very effective method of helping the Parish to grow.