

As the church family of St. Mary's, Ringmer, we are blessed to see God at work among us—in our worship, in the mission and ministry we undertake in His name and in our lives.

With these blessings also comes the need for us, as a community, to faithfully steward the resources God has entrusted to us. Enclosed with this letter is an information pack that outlines how our church is currently financed along with our Mission Action Plan which explains how we seek to serve God and our neighbour. We encourage you to take time to prayerfully read through it. The figures reflect both the opportunities before us and the challenges we face.

There is also a response form that we would ask you to print out, fill in and return to one of the churchwardens.

We are inviting all members to join in responding to our Generous Giving Initiative. This is an opportunity for us to prayerfully consider our giving—whether starting, increasing, or simply reviewing our current commitment. Together, even small steps of generosity will make a lasting difference in sustaining and growing the things we undertake in obedience to God's will.

In addition to financial giving, we also need helping hands. Our church thrives because of volunteers who give their time, energy, and talents. There are many areas where you can serve—serving as a reader or intercessor at Sunday worship, assisting on a Wednesday at the church Toddler Group, volunteering to be the church Treasurer; as well as practical support for our events and social gatherings. If you feel called to serve in any capacity we would love to hear from you.

On Friday 3rd October at 7pm and Saturday 4th October at 10am we are hosting drop-in sessions if you have any questions regarding the information in this pack or any issues on how to respond. Please do join us in the Church Room on either day to speak with us.

We ask that your response to this Generous Giving Initiative be given to the Churchwardens before Friday 10th October so that we can collate our responses and, with the responses, help to plan for the future.

Above all, we ask that you keep St. Mary's in your prayers—that we may continue to be a light in this community, glorifying God in all we do.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and love for our church family.

With every blessing,

Revd. David