

A letter from St Peter's PCC

Give A Little – Help A Lot!

To all our Church Family.

We hope you are managing to stay well in this, our new way of life.

We all look forward to being able to come together once more on Sundays and at other events. It has been lovely to hear your voices at our weekly Sunday service and the other events which Robert and Steph have presented by phone and online. They have been much appreciated by

many of us, and we are grateful.

In the meantime, we continue to look ahead and plan for the future of St Peter's. We are making preparations for the progressive re-opening of the building, and the re-ordering which we have talked about for so long has now been approved by the DAC. Hooray! We are now working towards inviting tenders from contractors.

Even lockdown has its benefits, and over these past months it has been wonderful to see how much care and support has been offered within our church family and beyond. We have turned our attention outwards to support CHAT, Christian Aid and others in the work they do. We have enjoyed worshipping with the congregations of St Andrew's, Chevithorne and the Exe Valley, and it has been good to hear others from beyond the usual congregation joining us for worship week by week.

But there have been other less welcome consequences. As well as missing our physical togetherness on Sundays and at other events, we have missed the income which usually comes from weekly collections, fees and visitors – and we have not been able to hold events to raise the resulting shortfall of over £1000 per month.

The PCC knows well the many other calls on our parishioners' pockets and the generosity and commitment of the church family at St Peter's. For this we say a huge 'Thank You.' We are reluctant to ask you to do more. But we must take steps to secure the future, so with St Peter's Day fast approaching we would like to invite you to join the PCC in a gift day centred on our Patronal Festival on 29th June. Every gift, however small, will help us bridge the gap as we look to the future.

We are very grateful to you all. Thank you so much.

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WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

1) For regular giving

Please take advantage of the Parish Giving Scheme. You can contact PGS direct by calling 0333 002 1271 Mon-Fri 9-5 (you will need the parish code 151502311). Or you can email Helen Wakely at hwakely1@gmail.com

2) For one-off or occasional giving

Utilise our new online giving page through this link (donations can be gift-aided if you wish): <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/282252db-c039-4998-bd5b-1de53556fc8d>

3) Or make a cheque payable to St. Peter's PCC and post it to:

St Peter's Church (attn. Bill Zarrett), St. Peter Street, Tiverton EX16 6RP

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