

Ways to help St Laurence Church finances -

most of them without giving any of your own money!



If you collect **NECTAR POINTS** (Sainsbury and Argos, amongst others, offer them) you can donate them to church through the on-line Nectar spending system.



If you use **BING** for your computer search engine and are registered to collect their points, these can now be donated to St Laurence Church.



And, if you shop on-line please do join **easyfundraising**. You can raise **FREE** donations every time you shop online with over 6,000 retailers including John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay, Marks and Spencer, Hotels.com

Sign up to support St Laurence Church here
– <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/75n07k/>
So far we've raised £255.66.



Who do you use for your Home Insurance?

The church is insured through Ecclesiastical and their staff are always very helpful. For a record 15th consecutive time they have been voted the most trusted home insurance provider with the happiest customers². (Fairer Finance award)

“We pride ourselves on providing honest and specialist insurance and our home insurance is no different. Ecclesiastical home insurance offers up to £750,000 on buildings and up to £75,000 on contents as standard, as well as cover against lost keys, legal expenses and home emergency protection at no extra cost.

Simply call on **0345 777 3322**, quoting **CHRTY22**.

What's more, if you take out a new home insurance policy with us before 31 December 2022, we'll donate £130 to an Anglican church or cathedral of your choice through our Trust130 promotion, so you can help support your local community.”

See overleaf for the best way to give money to St Laurence Church - but we are very glad of it whichever way you give it!

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)



Back in November we introduced PGS and are delighted that quite a few people have moved their church giving to it.

Elaine Clements, our Treasurer, is particularly pleased as it is making things much easier for her. Through it, St Laurence Church receives every penny of every pound you donate – and it receives it very efficiently with all the Gift Aid sorted out (if you qualify to add Gift Aid to your giving.) It uses direct debits which give you more consumer protection than standing orders.

To set up or change your regular donation you will need this information:

Church/Parish Name: **Northfield St Laurence**

PGS Parish Code: **020602050**

- on-line through www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk
- telephone 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday between 9am - 5pm.
(the staff are very helpful)
- or you can use this QR Code which takes you straight through to the St Laurence, Northfield area



If you've been giving by Standing Order don't forget to cancel it!

Please note that you can change your donation (up or down) through PGS at any point either on-line or by phone.

There is no doubt that the cost of living is going up and we are grateful for all donations, large or small, as well as the many hours of volunteering given by so many. **THANK YOU**

Finally a note about Gift Aid: you do need to be paying sufficient tax in order to claim it BUT, we've just learnt that if you make a donation to charity in a year where you know you won't be paying enough tax to cover claiming Gift Aid on it, maybe because you retired that year, you can ask HMRC to carry back the Gift Aid to the previous year and claim against the tax you paid that year.

You can do this through your **Self-assessment tax return** (Fill in the box that asks how much of the current year's giving should be carried back to the previous year. Note: this can only be done before the tax return is filed) or **Ask HMRC for a P810 form**