

St Laurence Church, Northfield

Giving generously to share God's love



*“All things come from you, Lord,
and of your own do we give you.”*

I Chron 29:14

St Laurence Church has a very long history. A priest in Northfield is mentioned in the Domesday Book and the current church includes the oldest piece of architecture in Birmingham – the Norman Arch. We are very grateful to our forebears. It is now our turn build on their generosity and stewardship

Will you be a part of the ongoing journey?

Will you help fund:

- the ministry of St Laurence to flourish in the church, the St Laurence Schools and the community?
- keeping the church in good order and repair?
- attracting a new Rector?

St Laurence Church is part of the Church of England. Despite being ‘the state’ church we receive NO grants from government. We are highly dependent on donations and fundraising.

Like many organisations, Covid has taken its toll and now the cost of living increases are biting. We have also had to do a lot of repairs and restoration. We are about to embark on c£20k worth of urgent repairs to the church ceiling.

If you are a member of the church, schools or just enjoy walking past St Laurence Church please read on to see how you can help.....

How do we spend the money?

On all the usual things that you do at home but big, historic buildings mean bigger bills! Just to insure the church costs over £8,000 a year. As a public building we need to provide fire-extinguishers etc and we even have to pay for our rubbish to be collected.

We employ a part-time administrator and part-time caretaker.

The Rector and the former Curate are paid through the “Common Fund” system whereby we contribute each month and the Common Fund pays the ministers. It also covers the cost of support we receive from the Diocese in church (legal, HR, admin, training, and the education team which supports St Laurence Schools.) At the moment we are receiving back more than double what we are paying-in (£30k) so we need to significantly increase our contributions.

How much should I give?

No donation is too small; everyone is valued and every one helps. Some people give just a few pounds a month. Some give over £100 per month.

See how it mounts up if lots of people join in....

£5 month = £60 a year	x 10 people = £600
£10 month = £120 a year	x 10 people = £1,200
£30 month = £360 a year	x 10 people = £3,600
£50 month = £600 a year	x 5 people = £3,000
£100 month = £1,200 a year	x 3 people = £3,600
Grand Total £12,000	

and if 50% could Gift Aid we would receive a further £1,500

Where could YOU fit in?

How you can help

1. Pledge to give a regular donation.

These are particularly helpful as this helps give us a regular cashflow.

The easiest way to do this is through Parish Giving Scheme (see next page for more details) but envelopes for cash or cheques are still available.



2. Give a one-off donation through the Parish Giving Scheme, Bacs, cheque, cash or the card machine in church

Our Bacs details are:

Bank	CAF Bank
Account Name	St Laurence PCC
Account Number	00095606
Sort Code	40-52-40

3. Remember St Laurence Church, Northfield in your will.

We have been able to fund much of our lighting and heating renovations through recent legacies.

Who to contact for more information

Church Treasurer - Elaine Clements

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Please note that Elaine is a volunteer.

She will keep your conversation and your level of giving confidential.

Parish Giving Scheme:



How it works

Donors can set up a Direct Debit with PGS online, over the phone or by filling in a gift form at church. If you pay tax you can Gift Aid your donations. St Laurence Church then promptly receives the gift aid monies. This makes life MUCH easier for our volunteer treasurer.

A unique feature of the scheme is the option for the donor to commit in principle to increase their gift annually in line with inflation. This is entirely at the donor's discretion on an opt-in basis, but it is proving popular with many donors.

How to set up your regular donation to St Laurence Church, Northfield

For on-line or telephone you will need this information

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

PGS Parish Code: **020602050**

On-line

please visit www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk

or you can use this QR Code



Telephone (you speak to VERY helpful real people!)

Prospective donors may set up a regular Direct Debit gift over the telephone by calling 0333 002 1260 Monday to Friday between 9am - 5pm.

If you already donate by Standing Order please remember to cancel this once your Parish Giving Scheme is in place!

Thank you for reading this and if you are able to help enable the ongoing ministry of St Laurence Church, please accept our sincere gratitude.