# Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

PGS is a charity whose origins are within the Church. PGS is dedicated to serving donors and churches in a shared ministry of giving.



The administrative cost of operating the scheme is covered by each member diocese, making the service free to use for churches and donors - so St Laurence Church receives every penny of every pound you donate.

Revd Theresa introduced PGS when she was a parish treasurer and strongly recommends it. If you have any questions please do phone or e-mail her 07557472096 <u>theresa.curate@gmail.com</u>

# **Benefits of PGS**

This secure and simple method of giving serves donors and churches in many ways.

### The individual benefits from:

- Retaining control of how much they give, how often and to which church
- Using a simple giving method that means regular financial support to their church
- The option to increase giving annually to protect their gift against inflation
- Anonymity, if preferred
- Peace of mind that the Direct Debit Guarantee Scheme protects their gifts
- If the church changes who it banks with, you don't have to do anything

# The treasurer benefits from:

- Reduced administration and paperwork
- Easy access statements
- Saving time: for themselves and those who count the money from plate collections

# The church benefits from:

- Stable and often increased planned giving.
- Efficient and regular reclaim of Gift Aid, improving cashflow
- Protection against static giving, by offering donors the option to index-link their gift

# 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. This can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Each donation is restricted to a parish church chosen by the donor and cannot be used elsewhere. The donation will be passed back to the church of the donor's choosing by 10th of the month. Any eligible Gift Aid will be sent separately once it has been received from HMRC.

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

Prospective donors may set up a regular Direct Debit gift over the telephone by calling 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday between 9am - 5pm.

### By Post

Please request a Gift Form from the Parish Office <u>enquiries@saintlaurence.info</u> (note this has recently changed) 0121 475 1518 or our Treasurer Elaine Clements <u>steeclem@blueyonder.co.uk</u> 07786 012961

# If you already donate by Standing Order please remember to cancel this