

## So why not get in touch?

If you would like to know more, and find out how we can help your church, please contact me



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## Parish Giving Officer Network (PGO)

This network is being created following the success of similar projects within other dioceses.

This is a role which will be crucial to the growth and success of your parish. Some of the tasks involved include:

**Encouraging giving and stewardship from within congregations**

**Ensuring the church teaches regularly on giving and stewardship issues**

**Resourcing clergy and readers to enable this**

**Encouraging tax efficient giving**

**Leading the organisation of an annual renewal of stewardship pledges**

The PGO will also be the key point of contact within the parish for the Diocesan Stewardship Development Officer, and will be invited to attend training and conferences held within the diocese.

**If you think you have the qualities to be your Parish Giving Officer, then please contact your Parish Priest or the Stewardship Development Officer**



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**SUPPORTING  
PARISH  
GIVING  
TODAY**



## **WHY IS GIVING IMPORTANT?**

**Christians believe in a God who  
is loving and generous.**

**To be a Christian today involves:**

**A joyful giving of our time,  
talents and money**

**A generous response to  
God's generosity**



## **WHY DEVELOP PARISH GIVING?**

As Christians we are invited to share in God's generous giving. By doing so we fulfill our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ, resource the Church's mission and ministry, and make a contribution towards God's mission of love and transformation.

St Paul teaches that giving should be:

***Regular***

***Planned***

***Proportionate***

*On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come*

*(1 Corinthians 16.2)*

## **HOW CAN THE STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT OFFICER HELP?**

By helping you to develop a vision of your life and purpose as a local church

By working with you and your PCC to plan and implement a tailored Stewardship programme

By being available to preach or to give a presentation to your PCC on stewardship

By providing leadership and support to Parish Giving Officers and resourcing them effectively