## Annual Giving at St Mark's 11 May 2025 to 15 June 2025

On Sunday 11 May at our APCM we are launching our period of Annual giving with donations being welcomed until Sunday 15 June. This is an opportunity for our church community to make a one-off donation to the ongoing work of St Mark's and to the running costs of the church buildings This year we are aiming to raise £20,000 in total including Gift Aid claimed.

Our budgeted total income for 2025 is £223,000 (including Annual Giving of £20,000) with budgeted total expenditure of £251,000. After taking account of the church lighting expenditure, where income was raised in 2024, we are forecasting a deficit of around £8,000. Planned giving, collections and other donations represent 42% of total budgeted income, with rental income 20%, hall lettings 17%, bank interest and other activities 12%. Annual Giving donations make up the final 9%.

In 2025 we have held our contribution to the Parish Support Fund at the same level as 2024 but church energy costs have risen as have the cost of church and hall supplies. Two doors in the hall have been replaced and the hall floor needs to be revarnished every few years. We are also looking into improving the sound system in the church which is likely to cost around £3,800.

Looking further ahead we will at some stage need to replace both the church and hall boilers as both are over 30 years old and the hall ceiling is also on our list. It would be great to be able to break even this year so that we can carry forward reserves for these large projects.

Please consider making a one-off donation if you feel you are able. If you would prefer to make a regular donation please sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme, details of which can also be found by following our website link below. All donations are most gratefully received.

If you would like any more information please just ask.

Thank you, Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer <a href="mailto:treasurer@stmarksreigate.co.uk">treasurer@stmarksreigate.co.uk</a>

## Donations can be made in a number of ways

At services on the card machines at the back of church. From 11 May we will have some machines dedicated to Annual Giving

By **bank transfer** to the following HSBC account
Name of Account - SAINT MARK, REIGATE (please select 'paying a business')
Sort Code 40 18 22 Account Number 72393263 (With 'Annual Giving' as the reference)

Via our **website** https://www.stmarksreigate.co.uk/donate/ Using 'Give A Little'

By **cheque** made payable to 'Saint Mark Reigate' in an envelope addressed to the treasurer and either brought to a Sunday service, handed in to the church office or posted to *Mel Crighton, PCC Treasurer, St Mark's Church, 8 Alma Road, Reigate, RH2 0DA* 

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation the church will receive an additional 25%. If we do not already have a gift aid declaration from you please complete this form.