



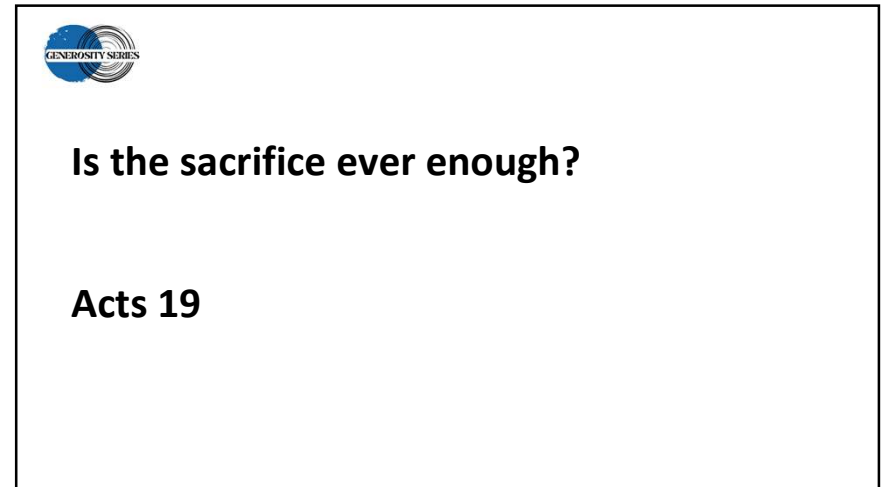
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'Our hearts deify [a successful career, love, material possessions, even family, and turns them into ultimate things], because, we think, they can give us significance security, safety and fulfilment...'

- Tim Keller, *Counterfeit gods*

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We become consumers or we become entitled.

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Ephesians 2v1-4


John 3v16

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- **God's generosity is about transformation not transaction.**
- **God's generosity is unfair, unequal and unreserved. It's all grace!**

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- From consuming to contributing.
- From entitled to empowered.

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OUR PURPOSE

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Living with, like and for Jesus in Hoole, Chester and Beyond

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ALL SAINTS DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

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WELCOME:
Culture of welcome and hospitality to all who are new to God, Church and Chester.

- Sunday services.
- Midweek ministries.
- Alpha Course
- Welcome lunches.

FAMILY:
People becoming Christians and being apprenticed to Jesus in community.

- Baptism / Confirmation.
- All Saints Communities.
- Discipleship courses.

HOME:
We all get to play, sharing gifts, service and generosity.

- Growing in spiritual gifts.
- Growing in our callings.
- Serving in a Team.
- Giving Financially.
- Growing in leadership.

LAUNCH:
Playing our part in seeking God's renewal of our City.

- Compassionate, gospel-shaped service & acts of justice.
- Multiplying Communities
- Church planting.

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Malcolm's Story

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Ephesians 2v10 – ‘Good Works’

- **In the power of the Holy Spirit and fuelled by a life of prayer, we flex the muscle of mission through our time, talents, treasures.**

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- **Are there areas of my life with God where I live as a consumer or entitled?**
- **What, why and how am I giving to the life of the church?**
- **Where do I need help and support?**
- **Will I re-evaluate this over the next few weeks with God and someone close?**

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**TIME / TALENTS /
TREASURE**

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- **All Saints mission:
To live, with, like and for Jesus
- the Servant King**

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Servant:

- A person willing to serve others.

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- Paul's analogy of the Body
 - 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27
- Every part of the human body is vital for good health.
- Every part of Christ's body, the Church, is also vital.

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- 1 Peter 4: 10:

• *'Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received'*.

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- Serving at All Saints:
- Welcome; Hospitality/Catering; Youth and Kids; Worship [Music]; Tech; Cafe; Costa - - - - -

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- God wants our *availability* as well as our *ability*.

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- God is no-one's debtor.
- You can't out-give God!
- He loves a 'cheerful giver'
[2 Cor. 9:12]

Caption

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- *We make a living by what we get;
we make a life by what we give.*

• *Winston Churchill*

Caption

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Do we think:

- How much can I spare?
Or
- how much can I share?

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Am I willing to lay my time, my gifts/talents and my finances before God and ask him prayerfully how I should use each one of them?’

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Colossians 3: 17:

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.’

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“It is more blessed than to receive”

Acts 20v35

Really?

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God is a generous host

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For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

- 2 Corinthians 8v9

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In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: they gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

- 2 Corinthians 8v2-5

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**Jesus-centred, joyful giving
= deep, rich, joyful living.**

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2 Corinthians 9v7

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'When the lightning of God's grace strikes us, the thunder of our joyful giving follows.'

- Richard Foster, Freedom of Simplicity, p.33

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2 Corinthians 9v9-11

'You will be enriched... so you can be generous.'

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5 - 10 YEAR VISION

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Live For Jesus:

- Parish and City links, particularly with school, community centres, the Dene Hotel and local businesses are strengthened, and All Saints seen as a needed and trusted voice within the community that is making disciples of Jesus.
- The dream of our church building becoming even more accessible, engaging and fit for serving the next generation.

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5 - 10 YEAR VISION

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Live For Jesus

- Every member within an All Saints Community Group being released into their spiritual gifts and calling and serving their local places and networks in areas of justice, healing prayer, hospitality and other local and citywide needs that we are called to.
- Providing courses such as Alpha which will give space for people to explore the big questions of life, the Christian faith and Jesus.

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We get to flex the muscle of God's mission through joy giving. This can alter the course of people's lives, stir up hearts to new possibilities, provide hope where there was none. Giving generously, regardless of how little or much, has eternal significance.

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Next week's invitation to consider:

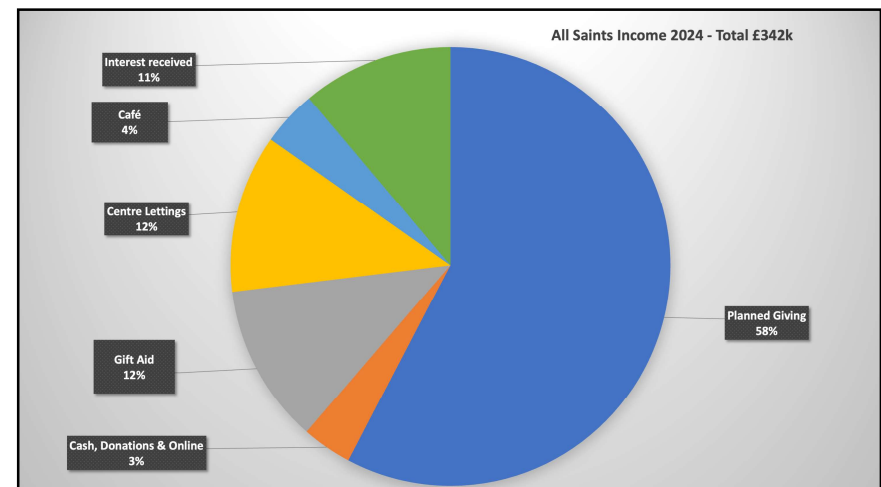
1. I am in a particular season of life. What would it look like for me to give generously and joyfully in this moment? Who can I talk to about this?
2. Is it time to start giving regularly and joyfully towards God's work through All Saints?
3. Am I in a position to increase my giving?

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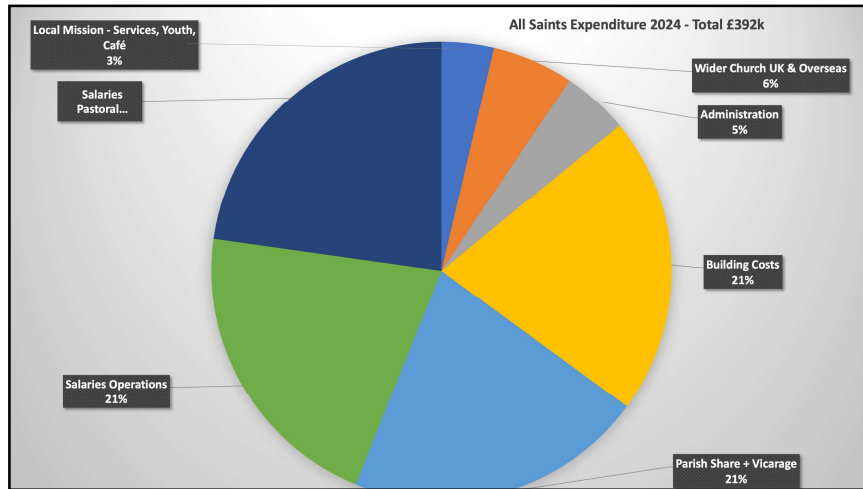
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THE HEART OF GIVING

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GIVING OPTIONS

- Please support God's work in Hoole by giving time and skills as well as financially with cash/cheques and cards at donation stations or regularly by standing orders (preferred)
- All details on website www.allsaints.church/giving including account details:

"All Saints Hoole" – Account: 70108855 -

Sort Code: 20 20 46

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Gift Aid forms always available near main door or ask – please complete incl. post code, sign and hand into the office or reception desk.

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Notify the treasurer, or office.
treasurer@allsaints.church if you:

- Change your name or home address (complete a revised form).
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

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15-25% of Jesus' teachings in the New Testament are about money.

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Matthew 6v19-21

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'The wise person [according to Jesus] will live in such a way in regard to money that their investment is not lost, because it is based on the permanent reality of the kingdom of heaven.'

- Jonathan Pennington, p239.

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Look at your bank records, look at your credit card statement, look at list of subscriptions, the impulse buys and you'll get evidence of where your heart truly is.

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Matthew 6:22-23

- 'Healthy' eye – Generous, whole.
- 'Unhealthy eye' – Stingy, greedy.

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Ultimately, giving is not just something we do; it's part of who we are as followers of Jesus. It's a reflection of our ongoing journey of being transformed by God to be agents of transformation for his world.

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Finding Margin

- www.moneysavingexpert.com/banking/budget-planning
- www.capuk.org

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Finding Margin

Do you really need that?

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Do you really need that?

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- Tithing (giving 10%) is either a landmark to work towards or a foundation to start from.
- It's not a ceiling to stop at.
- What would radical generosity for you in this season?

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