

St George's World Giving

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices – mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practised the latter, without neglecting the former." Matthew 23:23

Jesus challenges us to use our lives, resources and gifts to glorify God, and that includes our income. It is right to step out in faith and give to support Christian ministry and help the poor around the world. Many Christians choose to tithe 10% of their income (some much more) as Jesus upholds this idea from the Old Testament.

To model this, the church also tithes its free income (gives 10%) to support ministry around the world (including locally). This year, the PCC invites you to nominate charities for a one off gift in 2018. 30% of our giving is divided into six shares as one off gifts, while the 3 year projects receive 10% of the world giving total each, with 10% kept for contingencies.

'All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along' Galatians 2:10

Anyone in the congregation can nominate a charity. It would be helpful if you could give us some information about the charity and what it does, including website address.

All the charities suggested will be considered and passed to the PCC for final approval. If there are more than 6 charities nominated for each category then the PCC will vote on which are supported. The 6 charities chosen will receive 5% as a gift in 2018. Next year there will be a further opportunity for the congregation to nominate charities for one off gifts. You can suggest a charity more than one year in a row and you can suggest a charity even if it did not receive money in the previous year. It would be helpful if you could commit to preparing something for the mission board about your nominated charity so that for one month in the year we can have a special focus on that charity.

Here are some rough guidelines on what sort of charities might be considered:

- Charities/organisations which reflect our mission statement as a church.
- Charities/Organisations which work for justice and quality of life for the poor and oppressed.
- We will try to maintain a wide spread of charities, local, national and international, so your charity could be working anywhere.
- Contributions to support those wishing to do a "year out" in Christian service with an organisation.
- Charities/organisations which are principally funded by Christian giving (and so unlikely to receive funding from secular organisations).
- Charities/organisations whose activities are not in opposition to the teachings of Christ.

The mission of the church is to be, make and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, to increase in knowledge and love of God, be united in the gospel, live daily lives of worship and love each other, our community and God's world.

Nominations for charities should be handed to the Office by 30th October 2018

Rev Nick Barr-Hamilton on behalf of the PCC

Nomination form for St George's Charitable giving

Please return to the Office by 30th October 2018

Your name:

Name of charity to receive one off gift:

Website (if known):

What is the charity's mission statement?

What does the charity do?

How would the money be used?

Where in the world does the charity work?

Would you commit to doing the mission notice-board for a month and to write a Focus article about the charity?

Please supply any other information you might feel is appropriate.

To whom should a cheque be made out to should the grant application be successful?
(Please note, these are to be to the charity's account, not to go through any intermediary.
If this is a problem, please get in touch).

To what address should the cheque be sent?