

Should you be a taxpayer, we can increase the value of your giving by reclaiming the tax from the Inland Revenue at a rate of 25p for every £1 given, through the Gift Aid scheme.

If you wish to give a 'one off gift' this can be made by cheque sent to the address below, or standing order. One-off gifts can also be gift aided.

### Legacies

Leaving a gift to the church to assist future generations in their ministry to the community of Lee-on-the-Solent is a wonderful way to ensure that the life of St Faith's continues to flourish. Information about legacy giving is available in the south porch of the church. If you wish to do this please make sure that you take the necessary legal advice!

### Visitors

If you are a visitor we hope you enjoy your time here and feel that this community and building are worth supporting. St Faith's is used by many groups from the community and simply to maintain our beautiful church with all its activities costs many thousands of pounds each year.

Our main purpose is for St Faith's to continue to be a community where God is worshipped and where people come to know the love of Jesus Christ.

Please give as you feel able.

### Contact us

For more information about anything in this leaflet, please contact our treasurer, Neil Rowe, at [treasurer@stfaithslee.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stfaithslee.org.uk), or write to him at:

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# Giving to St Faith's

## Financial support for your local church



Our vision is to be a welcoming progressive Christian community of all ages and all stages of faith, nurturing spiritual growth, and representing God's living presence in our town

# Giving to support our mission and ministry

## St Faith's expenditure

Each year we ask members of the congregation, new and old, to give some thought to their financial support for the witness and ministry of St Faith's. The church's expenditure, which in 2020 is in the region of £160,000, can be divided into three main areas:

### 1. The work of St Faith's itself

St Faith's is a busy church and all its activities need to be funded: Sunday services, children's and family work, our older people's ministry, the courses we run, our work in schools, and work with various groups and organisations within Lee-on-the-Solent. All these are made possible only by expenditure on items such as the maintenance and running costs of our building, the staff costs for which we are responsible, and office and clergy expenses.

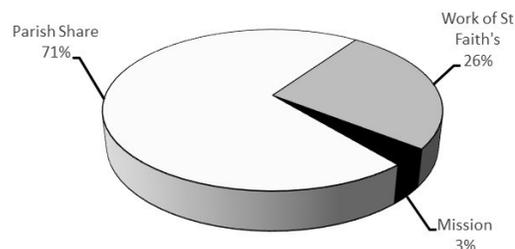
### 2. Our contribution to Portsmouth Diocese

Every parish in the diocese contributes to the Parish Share, which is calculated on attendance figures, and the relative wealth of the parish. The Parish Share is used to sustain the witness and ministry of the church in our own diocese by providing clergy stipends, housing and pensions, as well as training for curates and readers, and support for parish churches in many areas. The diocese funds our vicar, Paul, and our curates. In 2020, St Faith's Parish Share is £116,000.

### 3. Mission Support

In the past, St Faith's gave a certain percentage of its income away, to help fund mission work overseas and within the UK. In recent years we have not been doing this, but we have an aspiration to return to this practice, which is common in many churches. In 2020, we aim to give 5% of our income away in this way.

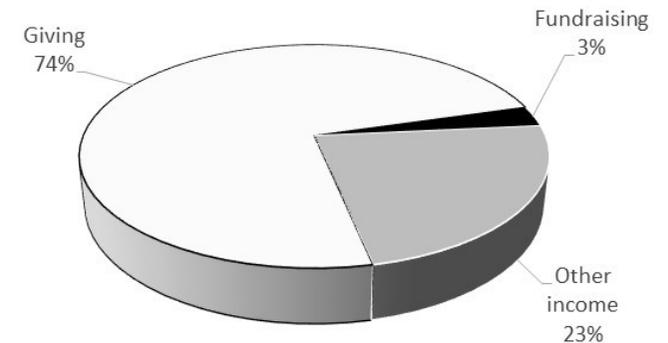
St Faith's expenditure in 2019



## St Faith's income

At St Faith's we see giving as an essential part of our worship and Christian faith. As a guide, the Church of England encourages us to give 10% of our after-tax income away, 5% to the church, and 5% to other work that helps build God's kingdom. In practice, some people will be able to give more than that, others less. The Bible encourages Christians to 'sow bountifully... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). Although St Faith's receives some income from weddings, funerals and other activities, 74% of our recurring income comes from the giving of the congregation.

Income to St Faith's general fund in 2019



## Giving to St Faith's

If you are a regular worshipper at St Faith's, we encourage you to give towards the work of the church, and to other charities as well.

There are many ways to give to St Faith's either regularly or as a one-off gift. Donations are gratefully received via the collection at services, the offering box by the door, or by standing order through your bank. **Our preferred method for regular givers is the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**, a simple direct debit solution where you remain in control, but saves considerable administration for the volunteers in our finance team. Information about standing orders and the Parish Giving Scheme is available in the entrance porch at St Faith's, and you can find out more about the PGS on their website: [www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk).