



October 2020.

Dear Parishioners,

**ST. LUKE AND ST. ANDREW CHURCH, PRISTON**

I am writing to explain the extremely difficult financial situation that your Parish Church finds itself due to the COVID19 crisis.

Your church usually spends between £25,000 and £30,000 per year. The lion's share of this (approximately £22,000) goes to the diocese to pay the very modest salaries of the clergy and associated administration costs. A portion also goes on essential charity work. The remainder is spent by the PCC on running and maintaining our historic church building and church yard.

Normally all this would be funded out of income raised through regular donations, collections on service days, weddings and the considerable efforts of our fund-raising committee organizing many extremely well attended events throughout the year.

As you will appreciate due to lockdown and social distancing rules much of this income has dried up.

The upshot of this is that the small cash reserves will be gone by November 2020.

So I am appealing to you to consider how much you would ordinarily contribute in a given year either by regular donations or however much you might spend at church functions and give that money on an annual gift day which will be held at the church on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Rev Martin Blewett will be there to greet you between 9.00 and 11.00am.

If you would prefer to make an online donation through your bank please use the details on the reverse and email your completed gift aid form to Stuart Pow – the treasurer at [stuartpow@live.com](mailto:stuartpow@live.com), or fill out the form on the reverse of this letter and send it to Furlong, Inglesbatch, Bath, BA2 9DZ.

Our village church really needs your help so please consider this appeal and be as generous as you possibly can.

With my best regards.

**STUART POW.**  
**Treasurer, Priston Parochial Church Council.**

## Gift Aid Declaration

### Details of donor:

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Please treat as Gift Aid donations (please delete as appropriate)

- (for regular giving) all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years.
- (for a one-off gift) the enclosed donation of £ ..... or the donation of £ ..... which I made on ...../...../.....

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Signed: ..... Date: ...../...../.....

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