

# Witney Benefice Giving Campaigns 2021

## Thank You for your Extravagant Generosity!

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected so many individuals, families, and communities in so many ways. 2020 could have been a disaster for our finances. Your amazing generosity enabled us to raise enough money to meet all our day to day running costs for our Parish Budget and as of June 2021, raised in excess of £23,000 for the Hardship Fund to help hard pressed local families in need.

Sadly, this year we cannot run the fund-raising events needed to balance our 2021 budget. Local families continue to need our support

So can we again ask you to consider prayerfully whether you can make further donations to the Witney Parish Budget 2021 Appeal and/or Hardship Fund Appeal, **according to your means**.

## Witney Parish Budget 2021 Appeal

At the beginning of 2021, we were projecting a shortfall in the overall Parish budget of £70,000. As such, the PCC agreed that we should launch an Appeal to our congregation to make up this shortfall for the second year running. Once again, the response to this year's appeal has been amazing, and reflects wonderfully on the huge generosity of so many in Witney (and beyond), who wish to see the Parish continue to flourish and grow. A sign of God's grace working powerfully among us!

As a result, as at the half year 2021, our projected shortfall for the year has reduced to approximately £15,000. Mathematically, it remains the case that an average contribution of £350 per person on our Electoral Roll would eliminate any shortfall in our annual budget. This figure is purely indicative. We remain hugely thankful to all who have contributed so far, and also for any that are prayerfully considering a donation to support the Parish of whatever amount. Any such gift is hugely valued and appreciated.

The PCC will review our Parish Finances in detail again in early October, and we will provide a further update on our progress then.

For all the details as to how to give to the Parish, please see the associated tile on the Parish Website.

You may choose to give a one-off gift or phase your contribution over several months.

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**Reference:** 2021 Parish Appeal

## Hardship Fund 2021 Appeal

So far, we have distributed over £16,400 to families in need across Witney. I cannot tell you how much these gifts have been appreciated by every recipient, and they are very much seen as a practical outpouring of God's love. However, the harsh financial impact of the pandemic is still being felt by many in our community

Payments to be made to our bank account

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