

Key Figures



+ The cost of running St George's in 2023 was **£121, 802**. The two largest costs are *Common Fund* (paid to CofE Birmingham to provide clergy for this parish and less affluent places) and *Utilities* (especially gas).

+ Regular giving in 2023 was **£54, 755**. Including Gift Aid, regular giving met **55%** of our regular costs. The rest was funded through occasional gifts, church hire, fees and use of reserves.



Christian Giving

+ The Church of England teaches that Christians should give **10% of our disposable income: 5% to church & 5% to charity.**

+ The national average gift to churches is **£16.20 per giver per week (2022)**. Many give significantly more, but if St George's received this from most of our regular worshippers, we'd run a surplus to invest in our mission & secure our future.

What St George's means to you

Write or draw below

My pledge for 2024

I will become a regular giver by completing a standing order form (enclosed) & returning it to a sidesperson

I will increase my giving to help St George's grow and develop

I will volunteer some of my time & skills



Supporting Mission & Ministry

Stewardship in 2024



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What St George's means to us . . .

Here's what some of our parishioners say



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In the year 2000, I arrived at St George's as an international postgraduate student at the University of Birmingham.

From my very first Sunday at St George's, I felt a sense of belonging. During my student days, St George's was my home-away-from-home (Singapore).

Over the last 16 years, since moving to Birmingham permanently, St George's has become my extended family with whom I've have shared many special life events!

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St George's has provided a valuable spiritual, cultural, community and social focus and support to my family over many years.

Nick

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"At St George's church I get to pray, see friends & relax. I learn about God. I really love the singing & the food."

A pupil from St George's CofE Primary

"St George's is very personal because it is the place where I can feel the fullness of my heart, a truly beautiful and safe place to reconnect with God and think about the importance and consequences of the choices I make in my life."

Sophie

From Fr Sam

As Vicar I see all the wonderful things that happen in our parish.

I see people from all over the world being welcomed & learning more about Jesus; children & adults growing in faith. I see school services, kids' activities, funerals, weddings, lectures, concerts & community events . . . & the time church members give to make it all possible! Our church is growing.

St George's is unique: a place of peace where all are welcome, praying for God's Kingdom in the heart of the city. Regular pledges of time, skills & money are essential to making it so special, not just for our congregation but for the thousands who pass through every year.

How can the gifts God gives us be used well? How can we help others experience the goodness we find here?

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" 1 Peter 4:10

