

**St Saviour's Church**  
**Eton Road, Hampstead**

January 2012

Dear Friend,

I am writing on behalf of our priest, Paul Nicholson, and the Parochial Church Council to ask you to consider your giving and contribution to St Saviour's and to let you know about the launch of our St Saviour's Stewardship Scheme in 2012.

We are sure you will agree that St Saviour's is an increasingly thriving church with a particularly warm and welcoming character. The church supports the community, the poor, the sick and those in need. Its building offers daily prayer and worship, regular study groups, a midweek Holy Communion followed by lunch, plus other occasional concerts and events. In addition, the church is becoming a vibrant place for children and young families, with a superb Sunday school and strong links with St Paul's CofE School in Primrose Hill, as families worshipping with us are eligible for a church place there. All of this has been made possible by your generous and much valued time, support and contributions.

This is, however, traditionally the time of year for looking forwards. Our mission is to grow St Saviour's and our role in the community. Yet, as you can imagine, we face increasingly strong financial headwinds. The costs of our existing commitments, such as heating and insurance, are increasing significantly. The Government has now reduced the amount of Gift Aid we can claim on your giving. In addition, we have a huge duty of care to our beautiful church building – in particular, the roof, the tower, the Octagon facilities and the stained glass windows all desperately need attention. So we need your further help in three ways:

- **Please consider increasing your regular giving.** The church has long advocated giving a *tithe* or 10% of after tax income to a combination of the church and charity. We understand that these are challenging times for us all, but the biblical principle is to “give as we go, not give as we get” – in other words to put our donation aside *before* we spend on discretionary items. There are several easy ways for you to donate, which I have set out overleaf, including notes on how we can boost your giving with a Gift Aid claim.

I also wanted to use this opportunity to invite you to participate in our new **St Saviour's Stewardship Scheme**. This reflects our responsibility and commitment to our church through this generation and the next – and our ambition as a congregation to build a St Saviour's which is stronger and brighter into the future. We are therefore asking everyone in our congregation who possibly can to sign up to the Stewardship Scheme which involves a standing order for making donations. This

would allow us to claim the Gift Aid on donations more easily and to plan ahead for the commitments I referred to above. It is really easy to commit to the St Saviour's Stewardship Scheme. All you have to do is fill in the form enclosed and return it to the box at the back of the church or in the envelope enclosed (please don't forget to add a stamp). All giving details will be kept confidential.

- **Please consider giving your time!** It takes a lot of work to keep a church like ours on its feet! A small number of incredibly dedicated members of our congregation do a huge amount of work, often behind the scenes, to make the church such a special place to come. Yet we have more good ideas than we have time to execute! We could do so much more as a church if we could broaden the group of people who are working on our mission. Volunteers would be most welcome in many areas such as reading lessons, leading prayers, organising coffee, doing the flowers, helping with our fairs in Autumn and Spring, helping us keep the church open more often, working to develop the Mission Action Plan ... or perhaps even training to become involved in lay ministry. Please do consider reaching out to Paul or to any member of the PCC to volunteer. You will be welcomed with open arms – and the jobs can be very rewarding!
- **Please bring a friend!** We are a growing congregation and we'd love to see more faces on a Sunday. Our church is very inclusive and our congregation is made up of all sections of the local community and of all ages. This letter can be downloaded from our website at [www.stsaviourhampstead.org.uk/giving](http://www.stsaviourhampstead.org.uk/giving) so that you could email it on or why not bring someone along?

Thank you for participating in St Saviour's future. If you have any questions or comments, please do get in touch with Paul on 07971 223764, or with me on 07801 443602 or [david.rowlands@me.com](mailto:david.rowlands@me.com).

Or if you've no questions, then grab a pen and fill in the enclosed form – it couldn't be easier!

Kind regards,

David Rowlands,  
Treasurer  
St Saviour's PCC

## How to Give

### St Saviour's Stewardship Scheme via Standing Order

We would like to invite you to participate in our St Saviour's Stewardship Scheme, which involves giving the same amount regularly through a standing order. A form is enclosed, or can be downloaded on our website at [www.stsaviourhampstead.org.uk/giving](http://www.stsaviourhampstead.org.uk/giving) or picked up from the back of church or requested from the Treasurer.

### Cash

Cash can be given in the church collection on a Sunday. Income tax cannot be reclaimed on this money unless it is in a Gift Aid envelope.

### Cheques

You can give cheques on a one-off or regular basis. Cheques should be payable to 'St Saviour's PCC'.

### Gift Aid

If you are a taxpayer you can increase the value of your donation through Gift Aid at no extra cost to yourself. This allows St Saviour's to reclaim tax on any donation you make to the value of 25p for every £1 you give. You can download a Gift Aid form online, or obtain one from church. Please return the completed form to the church and we will reclaim the tax on your gift. Remember to notify the church if you cease to be a tax payer.

### Giving through your Tax Return

If you are a higher rate taxpayer (40% or 50%) the church can only claim back 20% on your gift. You can then reclaim the remaining tax paid on any gifts in your annual tax return. You should do this in the year of the gift wherever possible. If you wish this part of your tax relief to be given to St Saviour's, you can request on your tax return that the Inland Revenue does this. You will need to quote reference number XN86749 in your return.

David Rowlands, our Treasurer, will be glad to supply you with any of the appropriate forms, and will be happy to answer any questions entirely confidentially.

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### Are You Willing?

Have you thought of remembering St Saviour's in your will? Leaving a gift in your Will is one way you can make a real and lasting difference. It also has the advantage of reducing your inheritance tax liability. There are various types of legacies:

- a specific percentage of your total estate (perhaps 5% or 10%)
- a residual legacy – this is the amount left after all the specific legacies have been made
- a specific amount of cash.

In each case the wording you should use is:

"I give to the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Saviour's, Hampstead, in the Diocese of London, the sum of £x (or x% of my residuary estate) free of duty to be applied as to both capital and income by them for such purposes specified in Section 5 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 as are charitable; and I declare that the receipt of the PCC Treasurer or other proper officer of the Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees."