



### Please reflect upon the following:

- \* How am I using my time, talents and treasure to glorify God and benefit my Parish community?
- \* Does my financial contribution to the Parish reconcile my means with its needs?
- \* Do I give regularly, using a standing order or weekly envelopes?
- \* Do I give efficiently, using Gift Aid if I pay UK tax, to ensure that my Parish gets the most out of my contributions?
- \* How can I share my time and talents with my Parish community?

### Next week you will be able to:

- Sign up to share your time and talents in service to your Parish.
- Review & renew the amount you currently give.
- Sign up to Gift Aid your donations if you pay UK tax.
- Make your offering by Standing Order – bring your bank details (Acct no. & Sort code) with you in this case.

However you decide to help, we are grateful.

If you have any questions, please ask a volunteer after Mass or contact:

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WEEK 2

## ST MARY OF THE CRAYS

CRAYFORD



## OUR PARISH OUR RESPONSIBILITY

“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous in giving and always ready to share...”

- 1 Timothy 6:18

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## Our Parish of St Mary of the Crays

has a rich history as the spiritual centre in the lives of many. As Stewards responsible for the gifts received from God, we must look after our beautiful church & pass it on to future generations in excellent

### Like any household, our Parish has to:

- Cover day-to-day running costs.
- Pay for building costs & repairs.
- Support Parish Programmes and Projects.
- Save a % of our income for emergency repairs & future projects.



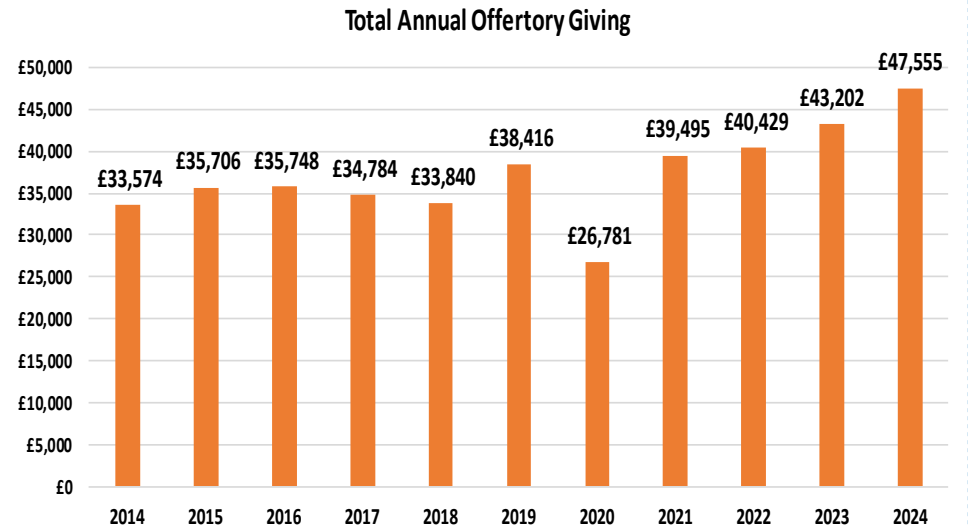
### How we operated in 2024 – numbers rounded to nearest 100.

Income		Expenditure	
Offertory (Gift Aid Envelopes)	£12,800	Parish Ministry	£3,300
Offertory (Loose Cash)	£14,500	Heat, Light, Water, and Insurance	£31,200
Offertory (Standing Order)	£18,200	Diocesan Assessments	£21,700
Offertory (Card)	£2,100	Office Admin	£38,600
Third party collections and Donations	£12,500	Donations for third party collections	£3,800
Rental income, Grants Income and Building Fund	£20,500	Site Maintenance	£52,100
Gift Aid	£18,100	Parish Maintenance	£4,400
Candles, Papers and Repository	£3,600	Candles, Papers and Repository	£3,200
Other Parish Income - incl. Fundraising	£12,100	Other Parish Expenses - incl. Catering & Entertainment	£1,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>£114,400</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£159,400</b>
Savings (£)	£-45,000	Savings Rate (%)	-39%

Thanks to your support, our church and Parish buildings are in good condition, having spent just under £5,500 in the last 3 years on necessary repairs and maintenance. **In the future we wish to invest in the spiritual life of our Parish by starting projects for young people and theology training for lay people.**

## But did you know that...

### Offertory collections dropped in 2020, but have been on the rise since



### Gift Aid is easy to do, doesn't cost you a penny and helps our Parish!

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If you are a UK tax payer please consider signing up to Gift Aid – the Parish can claim 25% extra on every pound you donate.

- **67% of donations were Gift Aided in 2024**
- If more people signed up to Gift Aid, we could receive up to an extra **£3,877** each year back from HMRC.
- Last year **84** parishioners gift aided their donations.

### Standing Order is one of the best ways to support our Parish!

A standing order is an instruction to your bank to make regular fixed payments to our Parish. This provides secure, regular income that is easy to Gift Aid, easy to reconcile and takes less time than counting loose change each week. You do not need to worry about getting cash each week for Mass.

**You can set up your Standing Order next week** all you need is your account number & sort code.

### Methods of Giving 2024

