

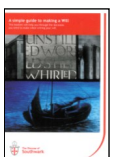
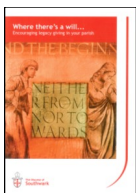
## Giving for Life - a reflection

There is a new *Giving for Life* resource available. "Giving for Life: Generosity and Mission" comprises a reflection leaflet accompanied by two talks which 'bookend' the use of a week's reflection and prayer on giving. Materials can be found at [www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife/talk.htm](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife/talk.htm) and on the downloads page at [www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife/downloads.htm](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife/downloads.htm)



We also have some of the original *Giving for Life* resources available if you haven't yet used them in your parish.

## Legacies and Gifts in Wills



Encouraging your church members to write and update their wills is helping them to be good stewards of their resources. Some churches this year are planning to use Will Aid's publicity in November as a way of introducing the topic of legacy giving to church members. You may want to think about this for the future and we have resources to help you.

Details of Will Aid's annual initiative can be found on their website here [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk) or from C&R.

For more information and advice on stewardship and Gift Aid contact:

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# Stewardship Shoots

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## New ways to give...

Churches are starting to explore using new technology to encourage donations, such as giving by text message.

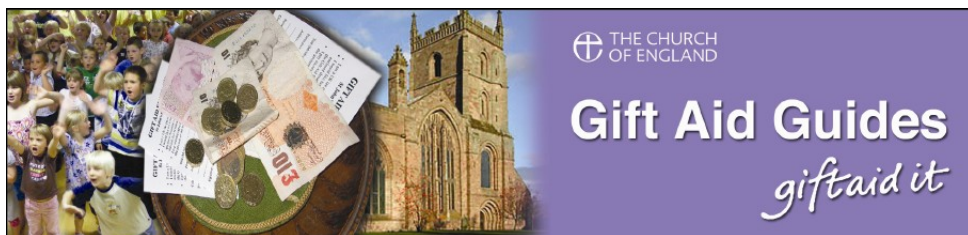


JustTextGiving is a service provided by Vodafone which enables charities to receive donations via mobile phones. The text

messages are free to send and the charity receives 100% of the money donated and any Gift Aid. This is currently only available to registered charities but our larger churches are now registered and so could set up text giving. Text giving has the potential to increase parish income from tourists passing through, visitors or from one-off events such as concerts, weddings and, perhaps especially, at youth gatherings. See [www.justtextgiving.vodafone.co.uk](http://www.justtextgiving.vodafone.co.uk) for details.

## ...and old ways

Plans to scrap cheques by Oct 2018 had been announced by the Payments Council some time ago but this will no longer happen. It was confirmed in July that cheques will remain in place for "as long as customers need them". This is good news for the many churches and charities who receive cheque donations.



## Gift Aid – an update

A new Gift Aid factsheet has been added to those already available on the Parish Resources website. This factsheet reminds parishes of the need to submit at least two separate claims for 2011 to ensure that transitional relief can be paid on donations up to 5th April.

See [www.parishresources.org.uk/giftaid/GA1GiftAidUpdate2011.pdf](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/giftaid/GA1GiftAidUpdate2011.pdf) or contact C&R for a copy.

We are expecting guidance soon on how the **Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme** will work in detail. This scheme was announced in this year's budget and will allow parishes that receive small donations of £10 or less to apply for a Gift Aid style repayment without the need to obtain Gift Aid declarations for these donations. The amount will be capped at £5,000 per year per parish but will mean that churches can claim on at least some of their cash collections.

## Look out for another training evening

To help parishes maximise their resources by claiming Gift Aid we will be running another Gift Aid evening in the new year. In the meantime, if you have any Gift Aid queries or need advice on registering or claiming then do please contact us.

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## Stewardship and Young People

Its important that we help our young people think about their Christian giving as they grow and develop. Two resources that you may find useful as you support your young people are *Episodes* and *Money Matters to Teens*.

*Episodes* covers a range of issues including

- Talents and spiritual gifts
- Working for the common good rather than individual goals
- Using our resources wisely
- Generosity

There are 6 different sessions for use with youth groups which explore these areas using an active learning process. For more details see: [www.parishresources.org.uk/issues/young%20people.htm](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/issues/young%20people.htm)



*Money Matters to Teens* includes a range of resources and aims to help teenagers begin to address the questions around giving in a way that is meaningful to their world as they experience it today. Topics covered include the issues around personal choice in the context of advertising and consumer pressure we all live with, as well as the ethical matters around fair trade and international debt.



These resources are part of the Diocese of Liverpool's Giving in Grace programme and are available free at:

[www.givinginace.org/preaching/Money%20Matters%20to%20Teens.pdf](http://www.givinginace.org/preaching/Money%20Matters%20to%20Teens.pdf)