

The Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath

St Paul's, Nork
Warren Road
Banstead SM7 1LG

St Mary's, Burgh Heath
Brighton Road
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December 2022

A letter about parish funding from the Wardens

Dear

As we are now able to return to many of the worship opportunities and church activities which had been possible prior to the pandemic, Alex and the wardens along with the PCC (along with you all through your contributions to the Parish Vision Day) have been busy planning future activities, and the direction and calling of our Parish. This year it was four years since our new Parish was formed and three years since Alex came to lead us in our Christian walk. We have, over the past three years, continued with the upkeep of our buildings and also adapted both worship centres so that they can broadcast the weekly services via Zoom and also that the buildings are fit for purpose, welcoming and also of the required standard for any other organisations renting our church hall.

This year has been particularly exciting as in July we welcomed David Packham as our new curate and his wife Margaret. David will be able to support Alex with the growing workload and outreach across the parish and beyond.

We are always mindful of the cost of everything we do and realise that we are stewards of God's money, provided through sacrificial giving, in order to further His work. We are very grateful to those who tithe and give financially towards the work of the parish so generously. This giving almost covers all of the current day to day running costs of the parish. However, this year the PCC agreed a budgeted over-spend of £15-17k on our operational budget and at least £12k on our buildings, taking money out of reserves.

The main reason for the operating loss is that in May our tenants at 19 Ballards Green moved out after four years to make way for David and Margaret to move in, which is all very exciting, however it will mean that we will lose circa £17k of annual rental income that was used to support the staff salaries.

We would like to start a giving campaign this month as we have a few key projects that we would like to complete in the next few months, so that we can really start to reach out to the community and have the facilities and staff to communicate with them in an up to date and modern way.

The total we are looking to raise is an additional £40,000 by 30th January 2023. This sounds a huge amount of money, however, if the gifts were gift-aided it would take £32,000 plus the 25% gift aid back from the government.

The money raised will go towards the following costs –

- Parish staff salaries
- Rising energy costs
- Works on 19 Ballards Green, so that it is as nice as we can make it for David and Margaret
- A new audio-visual screen, mounting, speakers and sound equipment for St. Paul's
- A replacement carpet for the St. Paul's worship area
- A new carpet and refurbishment of the St. Paul's Lady Chapel
- Replacing the heaters in the St. Mary's vestry to make it warmer for groups meeting in there and eliminate the need to heat the whole church
- A soakaway drain for St. Mary's to prevent future flooding

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- New noticeboards for St. Mary's
- A new shed and outside area for the parish toddler group, based at St. Paul's
- A range of essential buildings works in both worship centres, in order to keep them well maintained and equipped as we continue into the future

We recognise that for some this will not be possible due to their own circumstances (everyone is struggling at this time and we understand this). If you are struggling, please support this campaign in prayer and thank you for what you already give sacrificially and also contribute towards the life of the church.

However, if you are able to give a 'one off' gift towards the campaign this would be very generous of you and enable us to further God's work amongst our community at a time when it is needed more than ever before.

Please contribute in the following ways –

- Transferring funds, with the reference: 'Projects Appeal', to the following bank account: Name: PCC for Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath
Sort Code: 20 84 17
Acc No: 90027588
- Writing a cheque to PCC for Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath and post it to Tomos Davies, Treasurer or hand to him in an envelope labelled 'Projects Appeal'. (Envelopes can be posted to St. Paul's Church, Warren Road, Nork, SM7 1LG and will be set aside for Tomos or they can be given to him at church)
- Write a CAF or Stewardship Services voucher and post / hand to Tomos Davies in an envelope labelled 'Projects Appeal'.
- It is also possible to make a one-off contribution through the Parish Giving scheme if this is how you already give regularly. This can be done by telephoning the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1260 or by logging into your account through their website: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> If you choose to take this option, please let Simon Morrison, Parish Giving officer or Tomos Davies know the amount (if you feel comfortable to do so) so that we can track the amount we have raised to the 'Projects Appeal'.
- A gift aid form is enclosed with this letter if you have not completed one recently, please also pass this to Tomos Davies

We can assure you that Alex, the wardens, standing committee and PCC will not know who has given to this campaign or details of how much has been given by any individuals. Individual information will be kept confidential by Tomos Davies and / or Simon Morrison.

Thank you in advance for what you are prayerfully able to give to further God's work in the Parish of Nork with Burgh Heath at this exciting, but demanding, time for everyone.

Yours sincerely

George Drewit (Church Warden) Sue Wharton (Church Warden) Chris Moore (Outgoing Church Warden)

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