

Bishop Karen

These are challenging times. To equip us for the next stage of our Diocesan life, please join me in seeking to be more generous givers. Prayerfully, sustainably, and sacrificially.

I believe when we do the same with our money – as individuals and as churches – our generosity brings great transformation, and we in turn are blessed. In this season we are asking everyone to consider what they give to God to fund mission and ministry and what each church shares with others in giving to the Diocese. There are many who could give more, there are some who could start to give and there are others who, through their own circumstances, are unable to give more. Each one is part of the body of Christ.

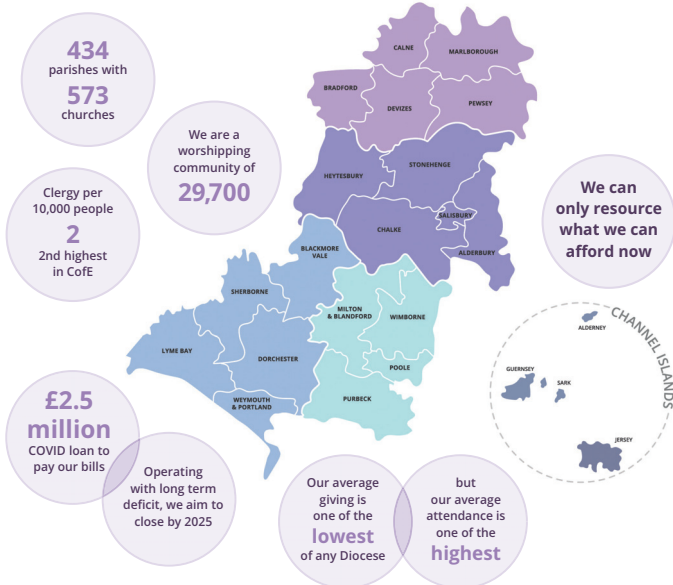
In return there is a Biblical principle calling us to be generous stewards, giving back to God in response to what he has done for us. The Bible gives us many examples where gifts offered to God – be they time, talents, or physical resources – are remarkably transformed to bring blessing to others. Including the small child giving their packed lunch to share with others, in a way far beyond what he could ever have imagined.

If we consider God's good gifts to each of us, we have much to be thankful for.



About Our Diocese

We are the sum of our parishes. Each church has many calls on its funds and the pandemic has only heightened financial pressures. We all now have a part to play, investing in a thriving Christian presence locally. Only truly generous giving will enable us to grow our shared mission and ministry.



Generous Giving

*Transforming our giving
in response to God's generosity*



Find out more about how the church is funded and other ways to get involved in the Generous Giving campaign at:

bit.ly/generousgc

Week 1

3rd October

God's generosity in my life...

As we set out into this month of living generously, reflect on all the ways you know the goodness of God in your life.

Take time in your prayers this week to give thanks for all the many ways you are blessed by our generous God.

Week 2

10th October

God's generosity in creation...

We serve a generous God who has blessed creation with abundance. This week reflect on how we enjoy that generosity seen in the beauty of this place and the impact it has on our lives.

Look around you, really focus on the beauty that surrounds us, and on our shared responsibility to care for the earth.

Week 3

17th October

God's generosity in the Church...

Our churches stand as beacons; built from the commitment and faithful giving of those who have gone before us. We now carry that baton - we are God's stewards of these sacred places, called to live out the love of God in this place.

Reflect this week on how we can treasure this gift, share it and pass it on to those who come after us.

Week 4

24th October

God's generosity in our community...

We are part of a diverse and generous community, where many serve the needs of others, where we can share in the arts, celebrate our heritage, and though we are all different, where we live together.

Reflect this week on what brings us together, on the challenges we face in our town and how we might enrich this community and serve it.

Week 5

31st October

How do we keep living generously?

This week we come together – all our churches worshipping together. We bring all that we are; all our prayers and reflections from this month; all our hopes for the future; all our fears and doubts; all we can offer, to our generous God.

Thank you for all the ways you already give so generously – with your time, your money, your skills, your kindness and encouragement, yourselves.

Reflect on ways we can make living generously a way of life not just for a month, but a lifetime.

How can you be generous and giving today?

Whether it's with your time, your money, or just an encouraging word, how can we all be the givers that God wants us to be?

*You can give without loving,
but you cannot love without giving.*

And now...

Our Response

As this month draws to an end, think about all you have learnt and reflected on. Consider how you might wish to respond in your own life, through your own giving.

If the average giving [per person, per week] in Salisbury Diocese was say £10, and it increased to just £12, think how we would grow our shared mission and ministry. If circumstances permit, could you increase your giving by £2 a week - or more? You are invited to complete the pledge form below outlining how you have decided to respond. We may get you to use the detachable part below in a church service or you can use it for personal prayer.

Thank you so much for living generously!

My Pledge



Please repeat your pledge below
(detach for possible use in one of our church services)
