



Because Our Children Matter

Supporting the 0-18s life and mission
at St Mary's, Luton



BECAUSE OUR CHILDREN MATTER

At St Mary's we love watching children meet Jesus, have fun and grow together. Will you join us by **volunteering, giving** or even becoming our **Children's Worker**?

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Without investment now our Young Church ministry will soon finish. We feel our calling is to sow into the 0-18 generation and our Young Church volunteers need help.



WHAT DO WE NEED?

- **Volunteers:** More people to leave a legacy in children's lives by volunteering in young church
- **Financial Pledges:** Your financial pledges to help us raise the finance needed for a children's worker.
- **A Children's Worker:** Could that be you?

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this vision. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of children in our church and in our community.



WHEN DOES THIS MATTER?

- **Volunteers:** We need help from **September**
- **Financial Pledges:** Our target is **£9000 per year** to recruit a **Children's Worker**.
- **On 6 August** we will tell you how much we have raised.



WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Regular Giving: from individuals like yourself is the primary way in which St Mary's resources itself, since we receive no government or Church of England income.

Volunteering: Help us avoid having to turn children away by joining the team and investing into the children's lives and their walk with Jesus. All we ask is that you commit to serve for a minimum of once a month for 6 months.



NEW CHILDREN'S WORKER POST

We are excited to start looking for a passionate Children's Worker to lead and develop our Sunday morning children's ministry. We offer three different job descriptions depending on how much we raise.

- Our Target: Lead a flourishing ministry with a more developed team of volunteers in a simple, sustainable, God-led, and dynamic children's ministry. £9,000 per year.
- Stretch (Where we would like to get to): Lead a ministry with a strong focus on mission. In addition to the target job description, this role would also include planning and leading in outreach. £12,000 per year.
- Minimum (The lowest investment we can make): Lead a simple, sustainable, God-led and dynamic children's ministry. £5,000 per year.

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO

- Volunteer: once a month for six months
- Pledge: monthly giving via the Parish Giving Scheme
- Review your giving: When was the last time you increased it along with inflation? Why not give the increase to Young Church?
- Give a one-off gift

When you pledge your giving to the church it enables us to plan more efficiently in the secure knowledge that we have committed funding for our activities.

HOW PLEDGING WORKS

When we work together, we can achieve what the Lord is calling us to do

For example if 56 people gave and covenanted between £5 and £100 per month and we claimed tax back. Our monthly income to pay a Children's Worker looks like this:

20 People Give £5.	We get £ 6.				Giving: £100.	We get £120
20	£10.	£12.	£200.	£240		
12	£25.	£30.	£300.	£360		
3	£50.	£60.	£150.	£180		
1	£100.	£120.	£100.	£120		

Small and Large Amounts together make the difference. Above is one way we could reach our aim of increased Total Giving Per Month £750. This reaches our Target of £9000 per year. Then we can claim the tax back to cover some expenses.

If we also give one-off gifts this could help us get any resources the new worker will need.

GIVING AT ST MARY'S

Regular Giving is the most effective way to give to the life and work of our church, especially through ways which reduce administration for our parish, as it helps us to fund our mission, budget and use resources wisely.

Our members currently give £120,000 per year including tax back.

We are very grateful for all gifts that are given - thank you.

The £9000 we are seeking to raise means a 7.5% increase in our giving. If you are reviewing please also bear in mind inflation which will take our costs up.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

- **Pray**
- **Review your giving and decide what to give.**
- **Fill in a pledge form. Then complete your preferred method of payment.**
- **Give a one off gift**
- **Email adminestmarysluton.org to volunteer**
- **Decide to fundraise**



"I need more information." We have a longer brochure about the Children's Worker role.

Scan to sign up for regular giving:

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

The Parish Giving Scheme is the best way to give though there are other ways. See www.stmarysluton.org/giving for those.

Once you have decided on your gift amount, simply scan the code or visit **www.parishgiving.org.uk** or phone **0333 002 1271** to join the Scheme, (they are lovely on the phone) and quote our parish code **320632360**.



LEGACY GIVING

A gift in your will can be an opportunity to make a lasting difference to the life and work of St Mary's. If you would like more information about how to do this please email adminestmarysluton.org

Please pray and reflect on the information in this leaflet, reviewing your contributions that keep our church fulfilling God's mission in our community.

Thank you for all you are able to give.

Giving God, we receive so much from you, and therefore have much to give. Help us to share in the blessings of giving as well as the happiness of receiving, that your love may be more widely, shared through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.