

# **Encouraging generous churches**

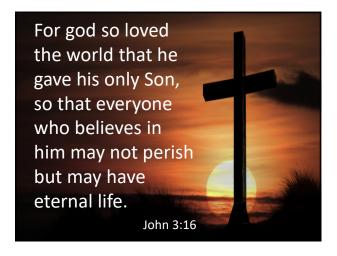
#### **Outline of this morning**

- Why give?
- Healthy giving practice
- Encouraging legacies
- Digital giving
- Any questions?



#### Why give?





## Our gifts support the life of our Church and communities

- Without our regular giving our church wouldn't exist.
- Our contribution supports the mission and ministry of our Church today and builds for the future.







#### Why do people give?

- To get something back
- To make a difference
- To be part of something to belong



#### What will stop people from giving?

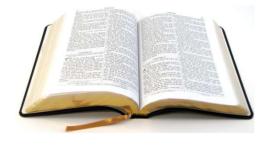
- Don't know what the money will be used for
- Don't think money will be well used
- Feel no attachment to the cause
- Not appreciated



### **Healthy giving practice**



1. Preach and teach regularly about giving in the context of discipleship



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2. Connect financial giving with mission and ministry outcomes	
3. Send an annual, personal	
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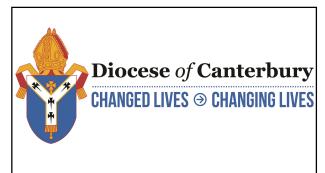
## How much do charities get from legacies?

Voluntary Sector Around £2 billion pa

Church of England £55 million in 2015







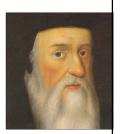
£716,000 in 2017



# Life events trigger wills

#### Why make a will?

- You choose what happens to your estate
- You can take care of the children
- You can provide for unmarried partners, step children, and others who won't automatically inherit
- You can reduce inheritance tax
- You can make a gift to a charity



# Why don't people leave a legacy to the church?

- Haven't made a will
- Believe the Church of England is rich
- Don't think the church will spend the money wisely
- Think there is nothing to leave
- Think a small legacy is not OK
- Would prefer to leave money to the cats' home



# What encourages people to leave a legacy to the Church?

- A Legacy Policy
- Low key leaflets available at the back of the church
- Small poster displayed on the church noticeboard
- · General preaching on Giving

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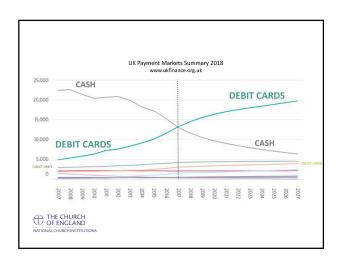
#### Steps to take

- Produce a Legacy Policy
- Communicate what you have done with previous legacy money.
- Put a legacy advert in your Church magazine
- Put a small legacy poster in your church hall or on your church noticeboard
- Encourage people to make a will

#### Sarah Bristow Holy Trinity Folkestone

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6IGR4KE ngdg

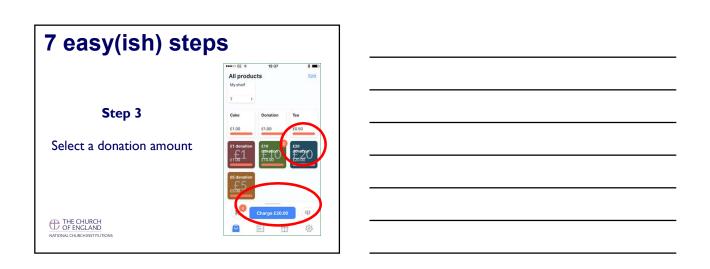
























### **Claiming Gift Aid**



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## What we've talked about this morning

- Why people give
- Healthy giving practice
- Legacy giving
- Contactless cards



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The Church of England's main stewardship website – invaluable! www.parishresources.org.uk

Comprehensive stewardship resources from the Diocese of Liverpool  $\underline{www.givingingrace.org.uk}$ 

Diocese of Canterbury www.canterburydiocese.org.uk

Legacy website – aimed at parishes www.churchlegacy.org.uk

Parish buying www.parishbuying.org.uk