**A-Z Fundraising Ideas**

For help and advice regarding regulations see [www.pta.co.uk](http://www.pta.co.uk). This site is for school PTAs but has lots of answers to questions regarding licensing for **raffles, alcohol**, **music** etc The site also has more fund-raising ideas and guides to **food regulations** (such as Natasha’s Law) and **Risk Assessments.**

**Advent Calendar:** Create a real-life advent calendar in your parish and invite people to donate via QR codes in the advent windows.

**Advertising Booket:** Compile a local information booklet for distribution at libraries, shops and businesses. Include info on local attractions. Make money with adverts and discount vouchers from local firms.

**Aerobics:** Organise a sponsored aerobathon with the help of gyms, leisure centers and sports shops.

**Afternoon Tea:** Put the kettle on and get baking. Entertain guests with raffles, auctions, tombolas & live music.

**Aluminium Collections:** Collect empty cans and tins and sell them to a recycling company.

**Art/Crafts Stall**: Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall.

**Art Exhibition:** Stage an exhibition for local artists. Charge entrance fee and commission.

**Auction of Services :** Auction services of people and businesses - anything from singing lessons to dinner for two.

**Badge Making:** Run badge-making sessions for children at fetes and fairs etc.

**BBQ:** Provide a BBQ for the community with hotdogs and burgers during community festivals and bank holiday weekends.

**Battle of the Bands:** A contest for unsigned bands, where the audience votes on the winner. Charge bands to enter. Sell tickets and set up a paying bar. (You will need a licence to supply alcohol)

**Beat the Goalie:** Score a goal and win a prize. Footballers pay to enter.

**Bingo:** Hold a one-off evening or regular morning/ evening sessions

**Board Games Evening**: Invite your congregation and local community over to play Scrabble, Monopoly, Cluedo and etc. Charge entrance or game fee.

**Boat Race:** Teams build model boats and race them.

**Book sale:** Sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Book dealers may buy leftover stock.

**Bouncy Castle:** A great way to keep kids entertained during community events and festivals. Charge a bouncing fee.

**Burns Nights:** Themed evening with Scottish dancing, Haggis, Nepes and Tatties. Charge an admission fee.

**Cake Stall:** Hold a traditional cake stand at fetes or fairs. Check health and safety regulations.

**Calendars:** Design & sell a pictorial calendar for your church and local area.

**Candle Making:** Make and sell candles at craft fairs or coffee mornings or arrange candle making sessions for the community to make their own gifts.

**Carnival:** Arrange a colourful carnival for your town, charging for each float entered.

**Cash for clothes:** Turn your unwanted clothes, paired shoes, belts and handbags into cash.

**Charity Ball**: Organise a themed ball with DJ or live music. Charge for tickets, but boost your earnings with games and raffles.

**Christmas Draw:** Sell tickets and ask local firms to supply prizes. Check regulations about public draws & raffles.

**Coffee Morning:** Make extra money with raffles, bring and buy sales and cake stalls.

**Cookery Demo:** Invite well-known and/ or local chefs to share the recipe of their success with a ticket- paying audience.

**Copper collection:** Ask people to donate their collections of one and two pence pieces.

**Craft Fair:** Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall.

**Crossword contest**: Compile huge crossword, so punters pay per clue. Each number hides a ticket for a prize draw. (Check regulations about public draws and raffles).

**Dance:** Barn dances, tea dances, disco dances, salsa dances etc….

**Date the Church was founded Society:** Say your church was dedicated in 1382. Set up a club for those donating £13.82 each month. Call it the 1382 Society.

**Dog Show:** Charge proud pet-owners to show off their pooches. Ask pet shops to sponsor the event.

**Duck Race:** Sell numbered plastic ducks and launch them from a bridge. The duck to finish first wins.

**Easter egg hunt:** Edible hide and seek. Charge entry fee.

**EasyFundraising:** Check out <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and ask your supporters to fundraise while they spend.

**Face Painting:** Get creative with face paints at fetes and fairs etc

**Fancy-Dress:** Have a fancy-dress contest and charge an entrance fee.

**Fete:** Reach the whole community by holding a fete, or team-up with organisers of an annual event.

**Film Evening:** Recreate a vintage cinema by showing classic films & musicals.

**Fireworks:** Weather permitting, firework displays can be massive fundraisers.

**Flower Arranging:** Make your own fresh, dried or silk arrangements to sell at craft fairs or fetes or with the help of a local business hold sessions for the community to learn how to arrange flowers and sell tickets.

**Flower Festival:** Always popular. Boost funds with competitions, advice corners & side stalls.

**Football Tournament**: Schedule fixtures and charge teams to enter. Ask local businesses for prizes**.**

**Furniture Sale:** sell donated furniture and old office equipment. Take sales commission or charge per stand.

**Garden Party**: Sell tickets or invite guests to make a donation.

**Greeting Cards:** Make and sell cards for every occasion.

**Guess the????:** Competitors guess how many sweets in the jar, a cake's weight, etc. The closest answer wins.

**Guest Speaker:** Invite a guest speaker and sell admission tickets. Boost funds with a raffle & refreshments.

**Guided Tours:** Take tourists and visitors on locally guided walks or trips to include your church building and its treasures.

**Hook-a-Duck & Hoopla** – Fete and fair games. You could ask local companies to donate prizes.

**Household Sale -** Sell off your unwanted belongings.

**Inflatable**: Put a bounce into your summer fete with an inflatable fly wall or similar.

**InPost:** Consider whether your church/church hall could host an InPost facility or something similar. (Contact [generousgiving@diocant.org](mailto:generousgiving@diocant.org) for more information)

**Jazz Festival:** Play your own brand of jazz or stage a show for local musicians. Sell tickets and refreshments.

**Jewellery Making:** Buy your own beads and get threading. Sell your products at markets and craft fairs or offer jewellery making sessions to the community.

**Junk Mail:** Collect all your junk mail and sell it to a recycling company.

**JustPark:** Investigate whether you might be able to rent out church car-parking spaces during non-service times via JustPark (Contact generousgiving@diocant.org for more information)

**Karaoke**: Arrange your own Pop Idol contest. All you need is a machine, a room and a well-stocked bar.

**Line Dancing:** It's all the rage & popular with both the younger and the older generations.

**Marathons:** Get sponsored to run a traditional 26-mile race.

**Mile of Pennies:** Make a mile of pennies in your town center. Ask shoppers to help by donating their coins.

**Mini Olympics:** Invite everyone you know to compete in traditional & silly sports. Charge entry.

**Monthly Market:** Rent out stalls to local traders or take a cut of the profits.

**Music Concert:** Entertain the crowds with your own recital or hire bands of musicians.

**Nature Trail**: Offer guided walks to natural beauty spots.

**Open Garden:** Open your garden to visitors. Sell tickets, refreshments, plants and vegetables.

**Opera Night:** Stage an opera evening in your church or community hall.

**Pancake Race:** Get flipping on Shrove Tuesday. Charge teams to enter, and spectators to eat.

**Pet Show:** Charge proud pet-owners to show off their cats, hamsters, bunnies, mice, etc.

**Picture Framing:** Frame and sell prints of local scenes, or pictures relevant to your church.

**Plant a Tree:** Seek sponsors for a "plant a tree" scheme.

**Plant Sale:** Sell donated plants or rent out pitches to traders.

**Pop-Up Preloved Clothes Sale:** Ask for donations of good quality second-hand clothes and invite people along to buy them.

**Postage Stamps** Collect and sell foreign and unusual stamps to dealers

**Private Tuition**: Whether it's French or Flamenco, sell your skills with private lessons.

**Quiz Night**: If your local doesn't run a pub quiz, set one up. Test the regulars on pop, trivia or sport.

**Raffle:** Ask local firms to donate prizes and sell tickets (check regulations regarding raffles and lotteries).

**Ramble:** Take to the countryside for a mass walkabout. Throw in a theme (fancy dress, singles, three legged, Easter), and charge for entry and refreshments.

**Recipe Book:** Publish favourite recipes from local restaurants and chefs.

**Recycling**: Collect paper, aluminium, glass, etc, and sell on to recycling companies.

**Refreshments**: Sell teas, coffees, sandwiches, biscuits, cakes, etc, at any fundraising event.

**Sale of Christmas gifts:** Sell Christmas cards, wrapping, gifts, food and drink.

**Santa’s Grotto:** Pull on your white beard and brush up your ho, ho, ho.

**Scavenger Hunt:** Variation on the treasure hunt where participants have a list of items to collect.

**Scrap Metal:** Collect scrap metal and sell it to a scrap metal dealer or re-cycling plant.

**Silver Collections:** Ask supporters to donate their loose change collections.

**Skittles**: Make an evening event out of this traditional pub game.

**Snowdrop Weekend:** Plant snowdrops throughout your church yard and invite people to come and visit.

**Stage Play**: Raise the curtain on a local Am Dram production.

**Swap Shop:** Put unwanted items in touch with loving homes. Charge swappers to participate.

**Swimathon:** Get sponsored per length, mile, minute, hour.

**Talent Competition**: Discover Britain's next big thing with your own talent show. Charge entry and offer prizes.

**Tombola or Tin Can Alley:** Fair Games.

**Toy Sale:** In the run up to Christmas, toy sales can be big fundraisers.

**Treasurer Hunt:** Sniffing out the clues, teams compete against each other to discover the 'hidden treasure'.

**Upcycle:** Get creative and transform household articles into something new for sale.

**Unwanted Presents:** Arrange a post-Christmas sale of unwanted gifts. Ask traders to donate a cut of their takings.

**Variety Show:** Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers & musicians all under one roof.

**Vinted:** Sellclothes in good condition on Vinted.

**Visits:** Organise visits to local places or tourist destinations.

**Walks:** Lead organised walks to historical spots and places of interest.

**Weight of the Cake / Welly Throwing** – Fair games.

**Wine & Cheese nights:** Hold tasting sessions for wine companies. Charge commission on wine sold and arrange a raffle (you will need a licence to supply alcohol and check regulations regarding raffles)

**Wood Working:** Make and sell your own woodcrafts, or give woodturning/woodcarving demonstrations.

**Wreath-making workshop:** Invite a wreath-making expert to lead a workshop in the run-up to Christmas and charge people to participate.

**Xmas Hampers:** Make up and sell your own Xmas hampers. Include food, drink, toys and gifts.

**Yarn-bombing:** Get knitting and crocheting. Create street art. Attach QR codes and invite donations. (Make sure you ask permission from local council/property-owners)

**Zumba Night:** Arrange an evening for Zumba fans and charge an entry fee.