



OTTERY ST MARY PARISH CHURCH

Charitable Giving Policy

The PCC is a charity that whose first aim is to pay the Common Fund request in full. While aspiring to this, the PCC also wishes to look outside the boundaries of the church and support other charitable organisations that chime with the vision of the Church of England.

To this end the PCC appoints a Charitable Giving Advisory Group (CGAG) to help bring focus and clarity to the PCC's outward charitable aims and objectives.

The CGAG nominates 6 charities to support through a calendar year (Jan – Dec) with rationale, for the PCC to ratify. Each charity is given 1 months of support at 6 monthly intervals. The chosen charities are reviewed annually.

The 6 charities nominated will cover various aspects of charitable work supporting:

- Evangelism
- Developing nations
- A local concern
- A national concern
- A global concern
- An environmental concern

The CGAG also makes recommendations to the PCC about other charitable giving including collections at major services, occasional offices and during Lent.

The PCC commits to supporting the nominated charities through the sharing of information, prayer, as well as through giving.

The PCC will nominate a charity representative to provide information for display boards, the Pew News, and prayer diary. If possible, a representative from the charity will be invited to speak to the PCC or wider congregation about the work of the charity.

Collections at major services for other charities

The church holds major services at certain times of the year which attract many visitors who may not normally attend our services.

Unless marked otherwise in the below table, the proceeds of collections at such services are fully earmarked for the specific designated charities, less an amount of 10% which is retained for unrestricted PCC funds. Any gift-aided elements (completed Yellow Envelopes/payments made on the card reader) in such donations will be enhanced by 25% before sending the totals to the designated charities; and those transactions added to the next Gift Aid claim to HMRC, to claim back those moneys.



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Major church service	Designated charity	Accounts coding (receipts)	%age retained by OSM
Remembrance Sunday	Royal British Legion	Held funds received	10
Christmas Services	PCC		100
Crib/Christingle	The Children’s Society	Held funds received	10
Harvest	eg Trussel Trust	Special Appeals (Reserved)	10
Guide Service	as agreed at the time	Special Appeals (Reserved)	10
Advent Carol Service	Otter Vale Mission Community	Held funds received	10

Donations at Baptisms

Donations from family and friends attending Baptisms over the year are split 50/50 between the PCC and Go Beyond.

The Charities selected for 2023 are:

	Area of charity’s work	Charity Name	Period (month/month)
1	Evangelism	The Pilsdon Community	March/Sept
2	Developing nations	MMUK	April/Nov
3	A local concern	Otter Help Scheme	Feb/Aug
4	A national concern	Shelter	June/Dec
5	A global concern	Tearfund	Jan/July
6	An environmental concern	Waste Aid	May/Oct

House Group charitable giving

The Explore House Group supports a missionary, Kay Ammon, and her family in their work in Kenya. The group raises funds for Kay’s daughter to attend school.