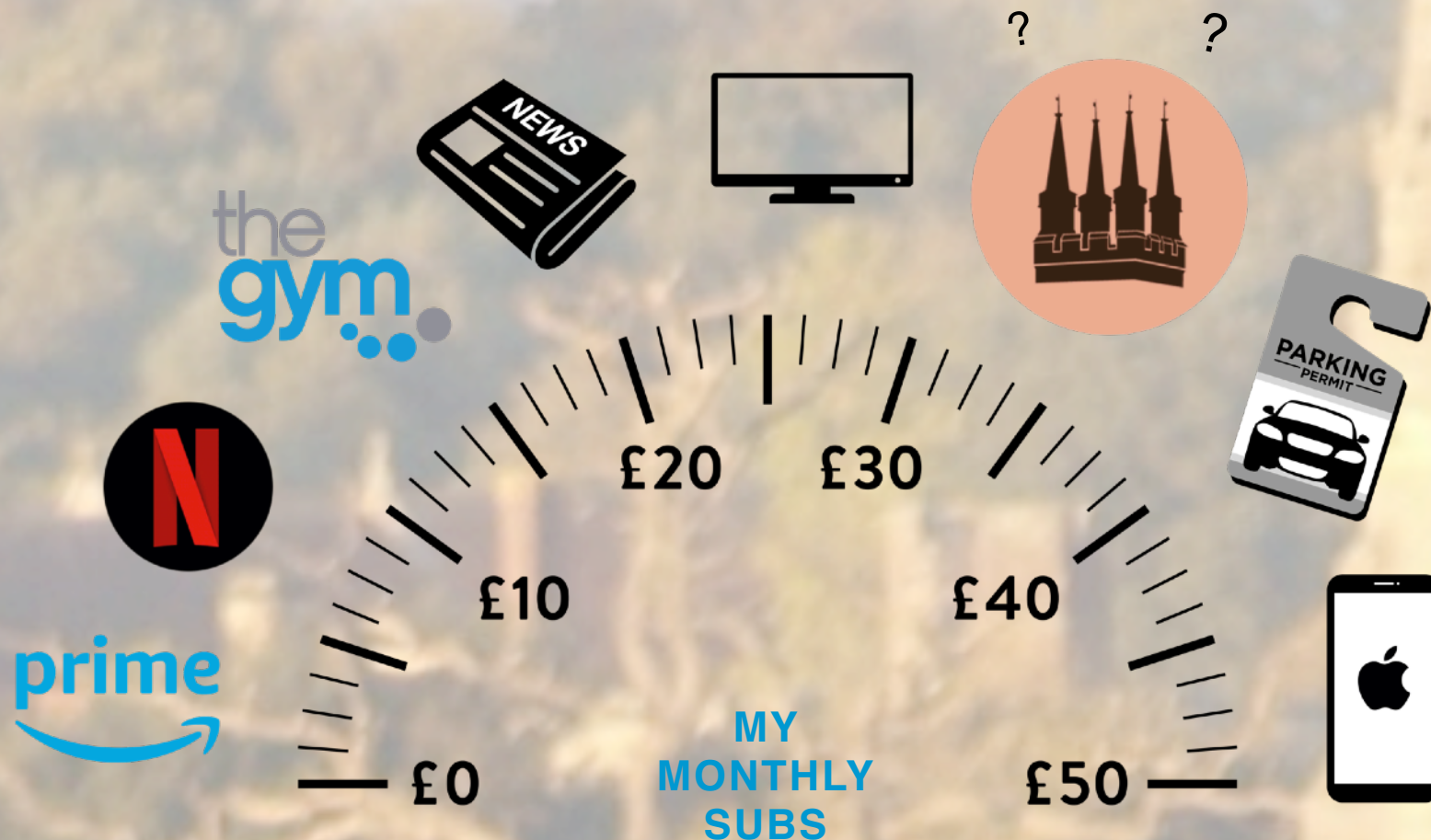
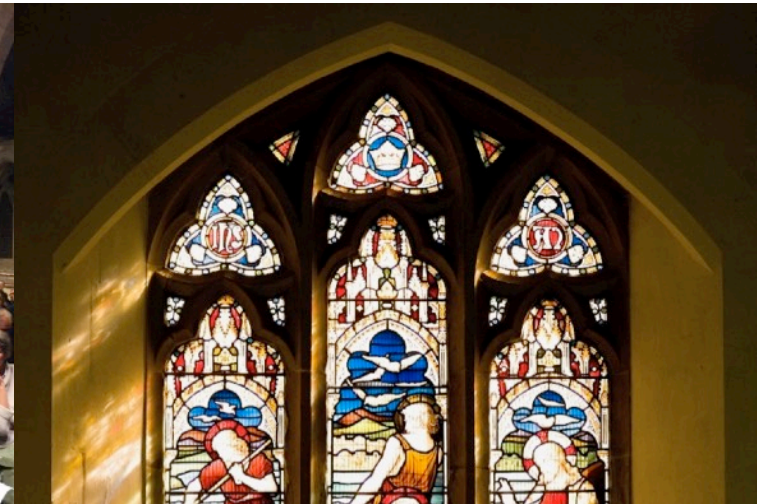


CHURCH CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY APPEAL

HOW DO YOU VALUE A VILLAGE CHURCH?



WHAT DOES THE VILLAGE CHURCH MEAN TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY?



> A place to mark life's landmarks?

> A place of Christian worship?

> A historic building?

> A place to mark festivals?

> A place to reflect?

> A village meeting place?

HOWEVER YOU THINK ABOUT IT...

- > A church has stood at the centre of Penshurst for about 900 years or more than 40 generations.
- > Despite pandemics and civil war, each generation has managed to keep it going and hand it on to the next. Will we measure up?
- > COVID has helped the church lose £35,000 in the last 24 months. Reserves have been halved.
- > ***Can you help us to rebuild reserves over the next 5 years and so meet our dues to future generations?***



A PLACE TO MARK THE LANDMARKS OF FAMILY LIFE?





- > You may be surprised to hear there is no central church pot that pays for village churches. Each community must fund its own church and ministry - and make a contribution toward diocesan central costs.
- > The old weekly collection in church has almost disappeared thanks to COVID and the digital world. It may never return.
- > So churches must build a new habit of monthly subscriptions in their villages if they are to survive - persuading people to pay some sub regularly directly from their banks, just as for smart phones, gyms, Netflix or Amazon.
- > 40 families in the village already do this -paying £10 pm to £100+ pm (average £40 pm). With Gift Aid, these subscriptions cover only 40% of running costs. Our target is to recruit at least 25 more families so that we cover 66% of running costs this way.
- > You can put your help either to general church running costs, via the Church Council (PCC) or you can restrict it to maintaining, repairing or improving the church building via the Friends of Penshurst Church (FoPC).
Both bodies are charities, so your subscription to either can qualify for tax relief via Gift Aid.

A PLACE TO CELEBRATE THE MAIN FESTIVALS OF THE YEAR?



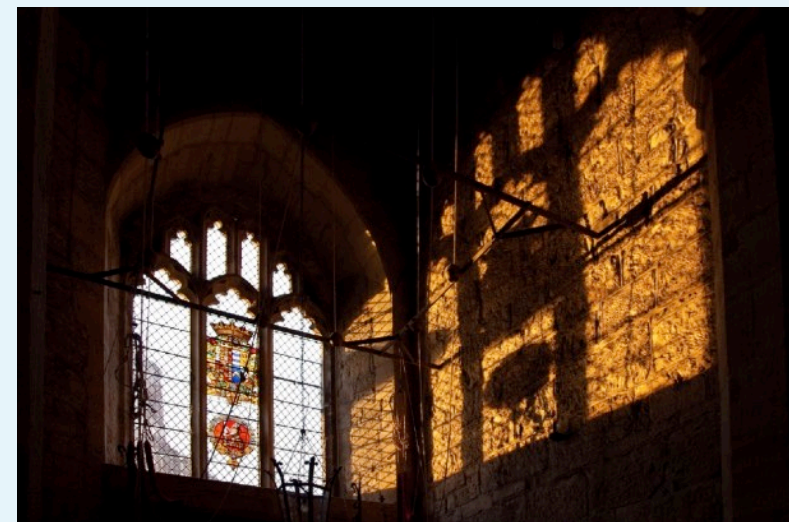
- > The church and its buildings cost £70,000 a year to run – before any repairs that are needed. If we allowed for depreciation of fittings such as the organ, bells or boilers, the annual costs would be higher – but historically we have mounted appeals when the building needs an overhaul or modernisation. For example, we will need to spend £50–100,000 on overhauling the fine church bells within 5 years or so – no real money has been spent on them for 50 years.

SOME OF THE TYPICAL EXPENSES:	
Rector's pay, housing, pension, etc.	£33,000
Contribution to diocese	£12,000
Church heat, light, water, wifi	£7,500
Insurance costs	£3,500
Part-time administrator	£3,500
Music – organist, copyright, library, etc.	£2,500
Inspection and maintenance	£2,500
Churchyard maintenance	£1,000

- > From January 2022, we hope to merge our church's activities and finances with Chiddingstone's through a new Joint Council to cover both parishes. Donations can then be used flexibly to meet the financial challenges across both parishes (although donors who feel strongly about this will still be able to restrict gifts to one church).



A PLACE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AND REFLECTION?



WHAT YOUR MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION COULD COVER EACH YEAR



£10 pm to the PCC –
all music copyright
licences.



£10 pm to the
Friends – lightning
conductor checks.



£20 pm to the
Friends – servicing
the tower clock.



£30pm to the PCC –
tuning and maintaining
the organ.



£60 pm to the PCC –
heating the church for
2 months of the year.



£70 pm to the PCC –
upkeep of Poundsbridge
churchyard.



£100 pm to the PCC –
1 week's cost of pay and
housing for Rector and paid
parish staff.

A HISTORIC BUILDING AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE?



HOW TO START A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE PCC OR TO THE FRIENDS OF PENSHURST CHURCH

- > You can go on-line and simply instruct your bank to start contributions by using the details opposite.
- > Or you can complete one of the forms enclosed with this brochure and post it to your bank.
- > We will get in touch to say thank you and to find out if your subscription could be eligible for Gift Aid. If it does, we will ask you to sign a Gift Aid declaration.

Thank you.

- > ***This is a joint publication and appeal by the members of the Penshurst Parochial Church Council and the trustees of the Friends of Penshurst Church.***

Gifts to the PCC
(any church-related use):

CAF Bank 40–52–40
a/c Penshurst Church PCC
a/c no: 00008550

Charity ref: X40871

Gifts to the Friends
(building fabric only):

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a/c Friends of Penshurst
Church
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Charity ref: 1133172

ENDORSEMENTS

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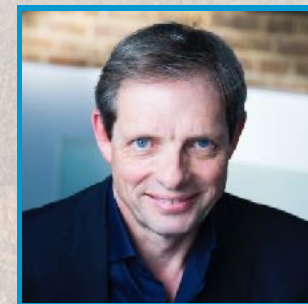
“Since arriving in Penshurst nearly 15 years ago, the Church has been very much part of our family life in the Village. A constant in a changing world, providing comfort, care and a deep sense of community, which we treasure.”

– Liz Woolman



“Even as a ‘non-churchgoer’ I love dropping into the church. It’s calm, it’s quiet and I always find a friendly face there. It’s like a Tardis for the soul. Which is why I will be embracing this smart initiative to help with its upkeep.”

– Martin Barraud, villager



“St John’s church, Penshurst, holds a special & dear place in our family as it is where my wife & I were married, and both our daughters were christened. We have cherished and fond, fun memories of key occasions at the church, which is truly woven into the tapestry of our family life.”

– Alex Ross



“ Penshurst Church has been a place of celebration, reflection and connection for my family and others through the generations. It is humbling to stand within its historic beauty or to hear the uplifting sound of the church bells, knowing that it is a place where you are welcomed by the Penshurst community.”

– Laura Faircloth



PENSHURST
CHURCH
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

BANKER'S ORDER

To: The ManagerBank

Bank address:.....

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Post Code:.....

Please pay to CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Ave., Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ to the credit of St. John the Baptist Church, account 00008550, Sort Code 40-52-40, the sum of pounds (£.....)

Either: annually/quarterly/monthly until further notice (delete two) beginning the day of [month] in the year 20.....

Or: as a once-off payment

Signed:

Date:/...../.....

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If you do not wish to use your bank's online service for setting up regular payments, please complete this page and send it to your bank.



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