

TEN TOP TIPS FOR STEWARDSHIP



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DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
GROWING THE CHURCH

Support is available from the Parish Support Advisors at Church House so please do get in touch.

1 CATCH THE VISION!

Bishop Philip said: "We all need vision first, then the rest will follow". Set up a stewardship group to look at where you are now and where you would like to be in future. Give them the responsibility to catch the vision. Remember, anything is possible with God.

2 PREACHING & TEACHING

Good stewardship means regularly preaching and teaching about generosity and giving. Make sure this is part of your church calendar every year. It is part of growing and developing as disciples of Jesus.

3 PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Join the **Parish Giving Scheme** (PGS). The gift aid is added and returned to the church bank account every month, so cutting down on the work of the treasurer. It is a great tool to help you plan ahead, because you will know how much money is coming in each month.



4 CONTACTLESS GIVING

Consider a card reader for contactless giving. Some churches have tried these and have found an increase of 50% in casual donations. They work well if your church is always open during the week, because they encourage visitors and tourists to give.



5 PARISH BUYING

Use **Parish Buying**. Contracts and discounts have been negotiated for the Church of England for products such as office supplies, church supplies, card readers, energy contracts, boilers and lighting. This could save you time and money.

6 DON'T FORGET LEGACIES

Encourage your congregation to consider leaving a gift to the church in their will. This is a way of giving a lasting gift to God to continue to support mission and ministry in your community. There is guidance available to help you [here](#).

7 THANK YOU

Send out a personal thank you to each regular giver and celebrate success! Make sure that everyone feels that they, and their gift, are valued and celebrate good news stories.

8 PRAY, PRAY AND PRAY!

The stewardship group can give prayer requests every month so everyone can feel involved by praying. Then you can keep people informed with how stewardship is going by giving regular updates at services or by email.

9 STEWARDSHIP AS A WHOLE

Think about stewardship in its wider sense. What could your church do to help the environment? It could be very simple things like recycling, choosing reusable or compostable cups and not using any single use plastic items. You should also consider environmental issues and your carbon footprint in your building and church development projects. Think about working towards a **Green Church Kernow Award** for your church, through our diocesan environmental award scheme.



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Develop effective mission and ministry in the local community. Giving is part of our work to grow the church. We could be much more effective in our outreach to the community with greater resources.

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